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BOV Accepts
Room, Board
Proposals for
1991-92By Andrea Hatch
Bullet News Editor

The Mary Washington College Board of Visitors passed a proposal on Saturday, Feb. 20, which will bring change in housing contracts to year long agreements starting fall 1991. The proposal also contained changes in food services including a cash equivalence in the Eagles Nest and special steak nights.

The biggest change will effect the housing contracts. Under the current policy, residential students wishing to move off-campus for the spring term must notify the College by Dec. 1.

"It would like be living in the downtown community," said Dean of Students, Joanne Beck, who submitted the proposal.

Under the new plan, the housing contracts will only provide for very specific circumstances under which students might be allowed to get out of their "leases" mid-year. Students will be allowed to leave without paying second semester rates only if they graduate in December, get married, have extenuating medical reasons, are studying abroad, or have such special circumstances as the death of a parent or are called to military duty, said Beck. If students are suspended from the College, they are still required to pay for their room.

According to Beck, the change was needed because of problems which have arisen from the 60 to 90 students who leave campus mid-year. "We can't bring in enough transfer students to live in the residence halls in January to make up for the number who move off, the number who graduate, and the number who flunk out," said Beck.

If students are to be found to replace those who leave mid-year, the College's revenue decreases by more than five percent, said Beck. "This means the money which students spend gets cut, not academic-classroom spending."

Peter Lefferts, associate dean for Residence Life, estimates that students pay \$1,100 in room fees and \$800 for food each semester. He predicted that the new contract would be helpful. "It is a cost-effective and cost-efficient way to run the housing program," Lefferts said. "The dollars in savings are a benefit to students."

Dean Philip Hall, vice president of Academic Affairs, said that over-

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Freshman Heidi Zirkle holds a sign to protest the Gulf War at Thursday vigil.

MWC student shows protest for the war while talking to *Free Lance-Star* reporter.

Music Disturbs Protest Rally

By Andrea Hatch
Bullet News Editor

Loud music coming from Monroe Hall interrupted a group of activists who had gathered in Fountain Square on Feb. 21 to protest the war in the Persian Gulf.

Dr. James Gouger, chairman of the Geography Department played three songs, including "God Bless America" and "Forward Christian Soldiers," before the campus police asked him to turn the music off, said Capt. David Ankney, Chief of the Mary Washington College police.

According to Gouger's students, he told his classes he was planning on playing the music that night.

In an interview with the *Free Lance-Star*, Gouger said he believes it is wrong to oppose the war. He said that he believes in supporting the president and the country.

Junior Margaret Hyland, who organized the event, told the crowd of 60 protesters that she had promised the administration that the demonstration would be quiet so classes would not be disturbed.

Gouger claims that he was not aware the music was loud enough to drown out the speakers.

"It's disrespectful," said junior

Kris Ovenshire, as the music was playing. "It inhibits the freedom of speech."

"He wanted to make sure everyone got to express their views," said Ankney.

"There are not enough people on campus willing to listen [to protest]," said freshman Kelly Becker.

Sophomore Fatima Suliman, who was born in Kuwait, said that there would be more protest against the war if more people were directly involved with the war. "Right now, only one or two members of Congress has a family member there," she added.

Besides the disruption of the music, a student sang the National anthem and yelled a comment at the crowd. Junior Philip Stoneman, whose father is a colonel in the army, said that although he disagreed with the protesters they were not un-American.

Junior Bob Johns, another supporter of the president, agreed that the students had the right to protest, but was afraid that it would hurt the moral of the troops.

Hyland said the protest went well. "We did exactly what we wanted to do," she added, which included talking about issues of the Gulf War and singing peace songs.

Students, many of whom held signs of protest, brought up issues about the war which concerned them, such as

media coverage and the history of Arab-U.S. relations. They also emphasized that they were not against the troops, but against the war.

Maziar Momeni, a junior who was born in Iran is concerned about the objectives of the Gulf War. "Our objective doesn't call for deposing Saddam Hussein," he said. "It calls for getting him out of Kuwait."

Scott Travers, who lives in a shelter, said that he doesn't understand why the United States can't help people who need it.

Senior Jessica Fomamont, who helped organize the rally, said that it was in collaboration with the National Student and Youth Campaign for Peace in the Middle East which held other events around the world.

Students, faculty, and members of the community came out for different reasons.

Nathan Moore, who wrote a song for the event, said "You have to support each other and let [others] know they're not alone."

"I wanted to express my views about wars in general and this war in particular," said freshman Jim Ruhn.

"I just wanted to listen," said Debbie Schluter, a senior.

Tuition Increases Due to More State Budget Cuts

By Lisa Clark
Bullet Staff Writer

Student tuition may increase by 15 percent next term, if the Mary Washington College Board of Visitors has its way.

This means that total in-state fees would increase from \$6,182 to \$7,109 per year, with total out-of-state fees going from \$8,858 to \$10,187 for the same time period.

"We would consider an increase of 15 percent for the coming academic term," said board member Leonard F. Chapman, Jr. "It's just a statement of what we will have to do."

President William Anderson, during the monthly meeting of the College's Board of Visitors (BOV), further explained the worsening state budget crisis and how it effects student tuition.

"We're in a strong position to deal with the budget, but the consistency of the budget cuts is the problem," explained Anderson.

MWC's budget has been reduced by 12 percent this year, a total reduction of \$1.3 million. Included with the 12 percent reduction is the 2 percent December raise for faculty and a decrease in hourly employees' hours. Thus far, the state's budget has been reduced by \$2 billion, including a \$300 million cut in funding for higher education.

"The cut of \$300 million is equivalent to closing MWC, Longwood and James Madison University down completely," said Anderson.

With budget cuts continuing, Anderson sees raising student tuition as a usable option.

"It could be chaos next year in terms of managing the budget," he continued. "The money must come from student tuition."

According to Anderson, the budget picture is further clouded by state proposals that would increase the state general fund, composed of tax revenue and tuition fees, with money from the auxiliary enterprise fund, composed of room-and-board fees at public colleges. Another Richmond proposal could also increase tuition assistance grants at private colleges with general fund money.

"If both proposals are passed, it could be argued that funds from boarding students at public colleges and universities will be used to fund private student tuition," said Richard Miller, vice president for Business and Finance.

Anderson is not pleased with the possible changes.

"Some things are going on down there [in Richmond] that I think are

Tuition Increases for In-State and Out-of State Students



bad public policy," he said.

Nothing definite has been decided about tuition changes for next term because of the "disarray in Richmond," according to Frank Mason, assistant vice president for Business and Finance.

"We're waiting for things to settle down in Richmond before we begin any serious planning," said Mason.

With all of this uncertainty about MWC's financial future, Miller asked the BOV to focus on the present.

"We continue to buy instructional equipment, no instructional budgets have been cut, and we've not had to lay off any people," he said.

"The issue is getting through this year and paying this year's bills," he said. "We will have no leftover money at the end of this year."

Although some state proposals are not welcome, there is a proposal that would begin the long awaited \$4 million renovation of duPont Hall and the construction of the new science building, costing \$10.5 million.

"We may be in business by July 1 on duPont, if the proposal passes," said Anderson.

"It's all state money," he continued. "We don't pay anything."

The board also passed a proposal allowing tuition reimbursements, at the president's discretion, for students and family members of students called to active service in the Persian Gulf. Only two reimbursements have been granted thus far.

Other approved proposals included beginning negotiations for the establishment of a small business center and the loan of several pieces from the collection at Belmont, the home of artist Gari Melchers, for display at an April exhibit of his work.

The next Board of Visitors meeting is scheduled for April 4 through 6.

Candidates Prepare for Student Association Elections

By Kim Quillen
Bullet Features Editor

Monroe's basement hall was a flurry of color and activity as 16 student candidates hurried out of Room 104, raced out of the building, and sprinted across Monroe Circle to Ann Carter Lee Hall. "Go, go, go!" a few bystanders chanted as the students rushed by.

After nominations closed for the 1991-92 Student Association (SA) officer elections, the campaign kicked off with the traditional race to the Lee Hall balcony and porch, where candidates compete for election banner space.

The nominations themselves took only a few minutes. After a review of the procedure, the floor was opened for the position of Commuting Student president. Anne Bradshaw was nominated. Brady Chapman, Rocki Poythress, and Kevin Osborn were nominated to run for the position of Legislative Action Committee chair.

Academic Affairs Chair, "Tim Brice Judicial Chair" announced the first spray-painted sheets.

"I guess nominations just ended," commented one bystander observing the unfurling of campaign material. Others passing by stopped to offer congratulations, suggestions, and comments on the banners.

"Hey Matt, what are you running for?" called Danny Rothstein, "Academic Affairs chair," replied Matt Geary.

"How's that look?" one campaigner asked a friend. "Crooked," was the reply.

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Running for Academic Affairs Council chair are Keith Krisko, Matt Geary, and Devon Williams.

Stephanie Carsten and Tim Brice are running for Judicial chair, and Tim Pohanka and incumbent Nellie King for Honor Council president. There are three candidates in the vice presidential race - Matt Lee, Kristin Regula, and John Richmond. This year's vice president Lian Cleaver is running unopposed for the position of president.

"I was nervous because I didn't know if anyone was going to run against me. It's a very nervous time of year," said Cleaver. However, "I really would like to have someone run [against me]," said Cleaver, who feels that having multiple candidates run insures a good representation of the school. Cleaver also ran unopposed for the position of vice president last

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Banners for SA candidates wave from Ann Carter Lee Hall.

Kitchen Fires on Campus Cost City \$300

By Carol Gwin
Bullet Staff Writer

It is 4 a.m. on a Saturday morning. Suddenly, the alarm sounds at the Fredericksburg Fire Department. Immediately, ten men and women jump off their cots and throw on their uniforms. Three pump trucks start. The crew jumps into the vehicles as they pull out of the driveway, less than five minutes after the alarm woke them. With lights and sirens blazing, they head for Mary Washington College.

As they arrive at Jefferson Hall, 300 sleepy college students turn their heads to watch, suddenly realizing that this is not just another mandatory drill.

Although no visible smoke is coming out of the building, the fire department prepares itself for a full-scale blaze. Three firefighters enter the building, heading straight for the kitchen.

They find a very black, smoldering pizza in a cardboard box.

This late-night scenario has become familiar to many MWC students, as well as to the Fredericksburg Fire Department. In the past two months, the fire department has answered 11 calls from the MWC campus, the most recent on Jan. 19 and 20.

Donna Deates, public education officer for the Fredericksburg Fire Department, thinks that MWC students really need to learn to cook properly. "We keep telling them that Pizza Hut delivers, but they seem to insist on cooking their own pizzas," said Deates.

Due to the size and population of the MWC campus, the fire department is required to send out seven to ten people and three pump trucks for each call they receive, said Reggie Phillips, the fire department's public information officer. "For each call we get to the campus, it probably costs us \$300. It gets quite expensive for the taxpayers of the city, but we want to be there," he said.

In January, the fire department reported eight calls to the MWC campus. Six out of the eight calls came from student dorms after midnight. Russell Hall made three of the six calls, with the other three coming from Brent, Jefferson, and Westmoreland halls, said Phillips. "Food seems to be the main



Jefferson Hall has had two small kitchen fires which have resulted in action from the Fredericksburg Fire Department in January.

cause. We have found pizza being cooked in cardboard, plastic wrapped around cookie dough, and other indistinguishable objects in the ovens around campus," he said.

Peter C. Lefferts, associate dean for Residence Life, is aware of the increase in calls to the fire department, but attributes the change to a new policy on campus. "The MWC fire department and myself have required the fire department to answer any calls coming from the campus," said Lefferts. "In the past, they would screen the calls first, and then decide if it was necessary to respond."

In response to the increase in calls from the campus, both Phillips and Deates hope to set up education sessions on campus. "We are very concerned about the problem and we are hoping that this would be reasonable solution for everyone," said Deates.

Ron Singleton, director of Public Information at MWC, believes that this might be a good solution to the problem. "I think we could really use it on campus. The College should try to initiate it in conjunction with the fire department," he said.

Lefferts said he thought an education session was a good idea, but wondered how many students would actually attend the sessions. "We are responsible for 700 to 800 programs per year, but many of them have very low attendance. We also want to avoid overburdening the students with too

many mandatory meetings," said Lefferts.

The College already requires three mandatory fire drills for each hall per semester, at different times during the day and night. Each resident assistant is required to go through training sessions and to learn how to put out a grease fire with a fire extinguisher, said Lefferts. Each dorm has a fire marshal and is equipped with an automatic water system, fire extinguishers, and emergency exits, he added.

"I am at a total loss as to how much more education and prevention we can enforce," said Lefferts.

Dr. Conrad H. Warlick, vice president for Administrative Services at MWC, believes that an education class would help. "I think that the students have been very careless lately," said Warlick. "It is only being smart to know and practice what to do in the event of a real fire. We have been very lucky so far."

According to Singleton, the last major fire on the MWC campus occurred at Willard Hall in the spring of 1990. It was caused by faulty wiring in a table lamp. The fire occurred on the third floor of the dorm and was put out by water from the sprinkler system, which flooded several rooms in the dorm, said Singleton. No injuries occurred during this incident.

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News Briefs

MWC Showcasing future Students

Mary Washington College is coordinating a SHOWCASE program on Monday, March 4, for prospective students who have been offered admission to the College. All students who have been offered admission under our Early Decision or Honors Admission programs have been invited to attend. This year, the Office of Admissions anticipates more than 650 students and their parents on campus for this day-long event.

This second annual SHOWCASE program will include a faculty panel session highlighting the academic programs offered at the College. In addition, there will be a session on student life and activities, and a campus tour. After lunch, students and their parents are invited to attend academic department open houses and talk individually with faculty members and students.

The Admission Office hopes that faculty, students, and staff will welcome this special group of visitors to the campus. They look forward to working with the entire college community to make this a successful program.

FAF Session to be held Feb. 28

The deadline for filing the Financial Aid Form (FAF) to determine eligibility for financial aid is March 15. Students who need help completing the paperwork or who have questions are encouraged to attend one of the financial aid workshops. They are scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 4 p.m. Both sessions will be held in Room 305 in Lee Hall. Bring the financial aid packet that was mailed from the Financial Aid Office and the requested documentation (tax returns, etc.).

Simon's Advisor to Speak March 4

The psychology department and the Committee on Campus Academic Resources would like to announce a special lecture presented by Vicki Oten, legislative director of Senator Paul Simon. She will speak on "Will Congress have the will to care for our women and children?" on March 4, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. in the Red Room of the Campus Center. All are invited to attend.

Scholarship Available for Study Abroad

The Grellet C. Simpson and Barbara Alden International Scholarships for study abroad are now available in the Office of International Programs, which is located in George Washington 204. The application deadlines are March 15. An approved course of study is part of the application.

Brazil Trip Offered by Historic Preservation

The new Summer Study Abroad in Brazil Program -1991 applications are available in the Office of International Programs, located George Washington 204. The application deadline is March 18. The trip is sponsored by Mary Washington College's department of historic preservation and The College of William and Mary's department of history.

Week Makes Students Aware of Condom Use

By Jennifer Brown
Bullet Staff Writer

Two or three people out of every thousand are HIV-infected. This means that there could be an average of six to eight people at Mary Washington College that are HIV-infected and may not even know it.

AIDS and other sexually-transmitted diseases are a big problem, yet many people still do not take them as seriously as they should.

Sophomore Susan Collins, a member of the Peer Educators group on campus, said, "Campus-age students are at the highest risk of getting AIDS." Because of this fact, the Peer Educators decided to participate in National Condom Awareness Week, which was held from Feb. 14 to 21.

T-shirts and condom-grams were sold to publicize the week. Freshman Lori Parish, another member of Peer Educators, said that the group sold about 125 T-shirts. Collins said that some people would not buy the shirts because they felt that although they

wear the shirts on campus, they were afraid of what the reaction at home might be. "If my mom did my laundry..." was a familiar expression.

Dr. Joanne Beck, vice president for Student Affairs and Dean of Students and College President William Anderson were each given a shirt, which the members of the group signed.

About 150 condom-grams, valentines messages which included a red condom, were sold.

Condom Awareness Week's main goal, according to Parish, was to increase education about condoms.

With the threat of AIDS becoming more real, Parish hopes students will learn how important condoms are in this day and age. Collins wants students to know the facts and then decide for themselves.

Although many people, students especially, still don't take the threat of AIDS seriously, or keep thinking "it can't happen to me," some recent MWC graduates have already died of AIDS.

In the future, Collins hopes Peer Educators will offer classes to all students year-round, in order to clear up the myths about sexually-transmitted diseases.

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year. "I guess I'm just lucky," he said.

In this year's SA vice-presidential race, however, competition is fierce among the three candidates. According to Matt Lee, "We need some strong leadership for next year." Lee currently serves as vice president of the Senate, and would automatically be promoted to president of the Senate if elected as SA vice president.

He feels that his experience as Senate vice president is good preparation for the position he is running for. He adds that "Liam and I would have an excellent working relationship."

John Richmond enters the race with several goals in mind. "As vice president, I would like to make Senate more responsive to the students," says Richmond. He would also like to see the Senate work more with the administration. Richmond currently serves as co-chair of the Senate Student Opinion Committee.

According to Kristin Regula, "The reason I'm running [for vice president] is because I've been involved in Senate for three years and I fully enjoy it." Regula now holds the position of secretary of the Senate.

Though she would make few changes in the organization if elected SA vice president, Regula says, "I'd like to see more committee involvement." Kaela Coughlin and Pat Fines, co-chairs of the Senate Rules and Procedures Committee, which is responsible for handling and advising all campuswide elections, are emphasizing strict adherence to campaign rules in hopes of running a smooth election.

"We are going to try to make this as clean an election as possible," said Coughlin at the candidate workshop held on Monday, Feb. 18. All candidates are required to attend one of two workshops offered to review election details, like the election spending limit of \$50, publicity, and door-to-door campaigning.

In the three years that Bill Donovan has been here, however, "There's never been a clean election," Donovan said. "Maybe this year," he added, noting that the ambiguity of the election rules has been amended.

Donovan served on the Senate Rules and Procedures Committee during his freshman year and was Legislative Action Committee chair during his sophomore year.

This year, the election procedure

outlined in the College's student handbook was amended to clarify problems that had arisen in past elections. According to Coughlin, last year's candidate Melloni Cook did not attend the required workshop or the official nominations. She submitted a petition signed by 10 percent of the student body within 24 hours of the closing of nominations in order to be included in the election. The petition was legal, according to the student handbook, but the candidate was disqualified for not attending the mandatory workshop.

"We sound picky, but we've had problems in the past. It's in our best interests," said Cleaver, who provided workshop at the Feb. 18 workshop.

According to Coughlin, aside from last year's disqualifications, there have been incidents in previous years where candidates did not attend the workshop in its entirety. This, too, is a reason for disqualification.

After last week's Senate meeting ended, Fines seemed content with the way the nominations went. "There were no surprises," he said. Fines also noted that no preliminary elections would be necessary. Preliminaries are held to narrow down the number of candidates when more than three are nominated for any one position.

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crowding of classes is another problem caused by students leaving the dorms during the middle of the year. According to Hall, classes which are filled have to add more students to make room for the transfer students.

"One of the things is a real problem for Academic Affairs is mid-year, when we admit a lot of transfer students; it is difficult to find classes for them," he said. "Classes are pretty well picked over during registration in November."

According to Hall, those courses which offer part one during the fall semester and part two during the spring term present another problem for transfer students. "It's hard to transfer students," he said. "It's hard to start in the spring," he said.

The process of planning classes for the next semester starts early. For example, said Hall, the administration is putting the fall 1991 Track Book, which contains a list of all available classes, together now. "In the fall, we know how many people to plan for," he added. "The summer gives us time to plan [for the mid-year students]; we can't plan for the spring."

The only negative aspect of the new housing contracts, according to Lefferts, is that the flexibility is not there for students. "This contract will be a deterrent for about 50 to 100 students," he said, "but the majority will benefit."

Adding students mid-year has also contributed to the increase of students in the past five years. The number of full-time students has increased from 2,490 in 1986-87 to 2,982 in 1990-91.

Lefferts also explained other changes in the new policy. He describes the contract as "user-friendly." "We want the students to understand the terms clearly," he added.

The contract will clearly spell out such items as deadlines, due dates, and other specific terms of the agreement. Students will receive copies of the contracts, unlike previous years, when copies have only been given on request. They will be printed on 11x14 paper, a larger size than in the past. The contracts for

returning and freshmen students will be different. According to Lefferts, these two groups need to know different information, and cited the procedure to move off-campus as an example.

"A contract should not be heavily-handed; it should have equal representation of terms and conditions," he said.

Lefferts said that the new contract will be well-publicized during room selection in April. Students can still change to day-student status from April 4 to 30, but they forfeit their \$200 deposit. If students decide to change after July 1, they will have to pay room fees for the entire year.

Mary Washington College is the only school in the state that does not already have year-long housing contracts, according to Beck.

Along with this proposal, changes in food service's have also

been passed. According to Gordon Inge, director of ARA food services, there are two big changes.

The first involves a cash equivalence at the Eagles Nest, a fast-food restaurant in the Student Center. "A student who paid for the meal plan could get a certain amount of money credit in the Eagles Nest during the hours of 4 to 9 p.m.," said Inge. He added that the amount of money has not been determined. This purchase could not include alcohol and if the student went over the amount equivalent, they would have to pay cash. Also, a student could not go to Seacobeck, the dining hall on campus, and then to the Eagle's Nest.

"This gives the students more choice and flexibility," said Inge.

The other change includes a steak house night every Friday night in the Green Room. "The room will be changed around for this meal to cre-

ate an atmosphere with candlelight and tablecloths," said Inge. "It will be a fine dining idea."

Students who have paid for the meal plan will get six tickets for the year. These tickets will allow the students to eat in there free three times per semester. The cash equivalence can be used for additional meals.

The menu will be simple including soup and all the trimmings, said Inge.

Students who work with the ARA catering department will serve as waiters and waitresses.

Reservations will also be required. "There will be a maximum of 75 people per night," added Inge.

Despite student requests, the meal plan was not changed. Currently, students pay for a 15 meal plan with the availability of 21 meals. "Economically, it's better to stay with the full meal plan," said Inge.

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We Have a Loser ...

The *Bullet* staff is proud to announce this year's recipient of the First Annual "Jesse Helms/Loser of the Year Award." To qualify, nominees must make a total ass of themselves while in some way suppressing the First Amendment rights of others.

Will this year's recipient please step forward?

Oh James? Is James B. Gouger here tonight?

Ladies and gentlemen... WE HAVE A LOSER. For those of you who don't know him, Dr. Gouger is chairman of the Department of Geography at Mary Washington College. He has tenure. (Aren't we lucky?)

Gouger, in case you're wondering, is the much heralded professor who, on Thursday night, bombarded a small gathering of peace activists with melodious recorded renditions of "God Bless America" and "Onward Christian Soldiers," thus suppressing their right to assemble in a public place and discuss their views on the Gulf War.

Gouger, if you can bring yourself to believe it, said that he was unaware that the volume was high enough to disrupt the gathering. Come on Jimbo, don't be so modest. Didn't you broadcast your intent to drown out the protesters in your classes earlier in the week? Come on, you can tell us!

Isn't it odd that we've never heard Kate Smith tunes "pumpin'" from your office on other occasions? Or did you just discover your hearing impairment? Why not try miracle ear?

Okay, let's think that we set out to hurt little Jimmy's feelings, we want to set the record straight. We did.

Jim, you screwed up. Admit it: what you did on Thursday night was make an ass of yourself.

It's obvious that Dr. Gouger was trying to make a statement, but there are other means such as engaging in some constructive dialogue. You'd think a guy with a Ph.D. would have the cojones to participate in an open forum on the war where dissenting views could be voiced.

As a college community, we have to wonder the degree to which Dr. Gouger encourages his students to express their ideas in the class room?

Congratulations Jim! Jesse would be proud.



1991 Jesse Helms/Loser of the Year Award

Professors Recommend Gouger Follow Students' Example for Expressing Dissent

To the Editor,

On Thursday, Feb. 21, 60 Mary Washington College students and faculty members gathered at the Monroe Fountain to express their opposition to the war in the Persian Gulf. Thoroughly organized by the Progressive Student Union, had received administrative approval on the condition that it not amplify its speakers and that it remain relatively quiet, since classes were still in session. The rally was peaceful and the leaders stayed well within the administrative guidelines. Students discussed antecedents to the war, expressed their concerns for the future in the Middle East, and shared their reasons for protesting.

Shortly after the rally started, however, Professor Jim Gouger, a geogra-

phy teacher at the College, began broadcasting "patriotic" songs at a loud volume from speakers placed in third floor Monroe Hall windows overlooking the fountain. With no regard for classes in session, for the traditional American values of freedom of speech and assembly, or for the College's professed stance protecting academic freedom, Jim Gouger sought to stifle public discourse by creating the very disruption that the administration sought to avoid.

The students who had gathered did not realize, but waited patiently throughout the disruption. We were impressed and encouraged by the restraint and maturity they exhibited. Similarly, several students who op-

posed the rally and who support the Bush administration approached the gathering and entered into intelligent discussion with rally participants. Once again, we were struck by the maturity of these students' approach in channeling their dissent, in contrast to Gouger, who sought to stifle freedom of speech.

As faculty who attended or heard about the rally, we applaud the students of MWC for their good judgment and their willingness to employ methods of expressing dissent. Jim Gouger should follow their example.

Steve Watkins, Shah Mehrabi, Judith Parker, Joan Olson, Bill Hanson, Carole Corcoran, Jim Goehring

By Mike Fuhrman

Your Voice...

In general, do you think homosexuals face difficulties unique to their situation on this campus?



Katrina Elam '94
 No, I believe that we have fair and understanding students here. They allow each individual to be him/herself.



Amy Martel '91
 Yes. As a homosexual, I encounter discrimination and harassment everyday.



Jessica Fornalont '91
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Kitchen Fires on Campus Cost City \$300

By Carol Gwin
Bullock Staff Writer

It is 4 a.m. on a Saturday morning. Suddenly, the alarm sounds at the Fredericksburg Fire Department. Immediately, ten men and women jump off their cots and throw on their uniforms. Three pump trucks start. The crew jumps into the vehicles as they pull out of the driveway, less than five minutes after the alarm woke them. With lights and sirens blazing, they head for Mary Washington College.

As they arrive at Jefferson Hall, 300 sleepy college students turn their heads to watch, suddenly realizing that this is not just another mandatory drill.

Although no visible smoke is coming out of the building, the fire department prepares itself for a full-scale blaze. Three firefighters enter the building, heading straight for the kitchen.

They find a very black, smoldering pizza in a cardboard box.

This late-night scenario has become familiar to many MWC students, as well as to the Fredericksburg Fire Department. In the past two months, the fire department has answered 11 calls from the MWC campus, the most recent on Jan. 19 and 20.

Donna Deates, public education officer for the Fredericksburg Fire Department, thinks that MWC students really need to learn to cook properly. "We keep telling them that Pizza Hut delivers, but they seem to insist on cooking their own pizzas," said Deates.

Due to the size and population of the MWC campus, the fire department is required to send out seven to ten people and three pump trucks for each call they receive, said Reggie Phillips, the fire department's public information officer. "For each call we get to the campus, it probably costs us \$300. It gets quite expensive for the taxpayers of the city, but we want to be there," he said.

In January, the fire department reported eight calls to the MWC campus. Six out of the eight calls came from student dorms after midnight. Russell Hall made three of the six calls, with the other three coming from Brent, Jefferson, and Westmoreland halls, said Phillips. "Food seems to be the main



Photo: Dave Cananea
Jefferson Hall has had two small kitchen fires which have resulted in action from the Fredericksburg Fire Department in January.

cause. We have found pizza being cooked in cardboard, plastic wrapped around cookie dough, and other indistinguishable objects in the ovens around campus," he said.

Dr. Peter C. Lefferts, associate dean for Residence Life, is aware of the increase in calls to the fire department, but attributes the change to a new policy on campus. "The MWC police department and myself have required the fire department to answer any calls coming from the campus," said Lefferts. "In the past, they would screen the calls first, and then decide if it was necessary to respond."

In response to the increase in calls from the campus, both Phillips and Deates hope to set up education sessions on campus. "We are very concerned about the problem and we are hoping that this would be reasonable solution for everyone," said Deates.

Ron Singleton, director of Public Information at MWC, believes that this might be a good solution to the problem. "I think we could really use it on campus. The College should try to initiate it in conjunction with the fire department," he said.

Lefferts said he thought an education session was a good idea, but wondered how many students would actually attend the sessions. "We are responsible for 700 to 800 programs per year, but many of them have very low attendance. We also want to avoid overburdening the students with too

many mandatory meetings," said Lefferts.

The College already requires three mandatory fire drills for each hall per semester, at different times during the day and night. Each resident assistant is required to go through training sessions and to learn how to put out a grease fire with a fire extinguisher, said Lefferts. Each dorm has a fire marshal and is equipped with an automatic watering system, fire extinguishers, and emergency exits, he added.

"I am at a total loss as to how much more education and prevention we can enforce," said Lefferts.

Dr. Conrad H. Warlick, vice president for Administrative Services at MWC, believes that an education class would help. "I think that the students have been very careless lately," said Warlick. "It is only being smart to know and practice what to do in the event of a real fire. We have been very lucky so far."

According to Singleton, the last major fire on the MWC campus occurred at Willard Hall in the spring of 1990. It was caused by faulty wiring in a table lamp. The fire occurred on the third floor of the dorm and was put out by water from the sprinkler system, which flooded several rooms in the dorm, said Singleton. No injuries occurred during this incident.

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year, "I guess I'm just lucky," he said.

In this year's SA vice-presidential race, however, competition is fierce among the three candidates. According to Matt Lee, "We need some strong leadership for next year." Lee currently serves as vice president of the Senate, and would automatically be promoted to president of the Senate if elected as SA vice president. He feels that his experience as Senate vice president is good preparation for the position he is running for. He adds that "Liam and I would have an excellent working relationship."

John Richmond enters the race with several goals in mind. "As vice president, I would like to make Senate more responsive to the students," says Richmond. He would also like to see the Senate work more with the administration. Richmond currently serves as co-chair of the Senate Student Opinion Committee.

According to Kristin Regula, "The reason I'm running for vice president is because I've been involved in Senate for three years and I fully enjoy it." Regula now holds the position of secretary of the Senate.

Though she would make few changes in the organization if elected SA vice president, Regula says, "I'd like to see more committee involvement."

Kaela Coughlin and Pat Fines, co-chairs of the Senate Rules and Procedures Committee, which is responsible for handling and advising all campuswide elections, are emphasizing strict adherence to campaign rules in hopes of running a smooth election.

"We are going to try to make this as clean an election as possible," said Coughlin at the candidate workshop held on Monday, Feb. 18. All candidates are required to attend one of two workshops offered to review details, like the election spending limit of \$50, publicity, and door-to-door campaigning.

In the three years that Bill Donovan has been here, however, "There's never been a clean election," Donovan said. "Maybe this year," he added, noting that the ambiguity of the election rules has been amended.

Donovan served on the Senate Rules and Procedures Committee during his freshman year and was Legislative Action Committee chair during his sophomore year.

This year, the election procedure

outlined in the College's student handbook was amended to clarify problems that had arisen in past elections. According to Coughlin, last year's candidate Melton Codd did not attend the required workshop or the official nominations. She submitted a petition signed by 10 percent of the student body within 24 hours of the closing of nominations in order to be included in the election. The petition was legal, according to the student handbook, but the candidate was disqualified for not attending the mandatory workshop.

"We sound picky, but we've had problems in the past. It's in our best interest," said Cleaver, who provided leadership at the Feb. 18 workshop.

According to Coughlin, aside from last year's disqualifications, there have been incidents in previous years where candidates did not attend the workshop in its entirety. This, too, is a reason for disqualification.

After last week's Senate meeting ended, Fines seemed content with the way the nominations went. "There were no surprises," he said. Fines also noted that no preliminary elections would be necessary. Preliminaries are held to narrow down the number of candidates when more than three are nominated for any one position.

News Briefs

MWC Showcasing future Students

Mary Washington College is coordinating a SHOWCASE program on Monday, March 4, for prospective students who have been offered admission to the College. All students who have been offered admission under our Early Decision or Honors Admission programs have been invited to attend. This year, the Office of Admissions anticipates more than 650 students and their parents on campus for this day-long event.

This second annual SHOWCASE program will include a faculty panel session highlighting the academic programs offered at the College. In addition, there will be a session on student life and activities, and a campus tour. After lunch, students and their parents are invited to attend academic department open houses and talk individually with faculty members and students.

The Admission Office hopes that faculty, students, and staff will welcome this special group of visitors to the campus. They look forward to working with the entire college community to make this a successful program.

FAF Session to be held Feb. 28

The deadline for filing the Financial Aid Form (FAF) to determine eligibility for financial aid is March 15. Students who need help completing the paperwork or who have questions are encouraged to attend one of the financial aid workshops. They are scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 4 p.m. Both sessions will be held in Room 305 in Lee Hall. Bring the financial aid packet that was mailed from the Financial Aid Office and the requested documentation (tax returns, etc.).

Simon's Advisor to Speak March 4

The psychology department and the Committee on Campus Academic Resources would like to announce a special lecture presented by Vicki Oten, director of Senator Paul Simon. She will speak on "Will Congress have the will to care of our women and children?" on March 4, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. in the Red Room of the Campus Center. All are invited to attend.

Scholarship Available for Study Abroad

The Grellet C. Simpson and Barbara Alden International Scholarships for study abroad are now available in the Office of International Programs, which is located in George Washington 204. The application deadlines are March 15. An approved course of study is part of the application.

Brazil Trip Offered by Historic Preservation

The new Summer Study Abroad in Brazil Program -1991 applications are available in the Office of International Programs, located George Washington 204. The application deadline is March 18. The trip is sponsored by Mary Washington College's department of historic preservation and The College of William and Mary's department of history.

Week Makes Students Aware of Condom Use

By Jennifer Brown
Bullock Staff Writer

Two or three people out of every thousand are HIV-infected. This means that there could be an average of six to eight people at Mary Washington College that are HIV infected and may not even know it.

AIDS and other sexually-transmitted diseases are a big problem, yet many people still do not take them as seriously as they should.

Sophomore Carol Collins, a member of the Peer Educators group on campus, said, "Campus-age students are at the highest risk of getting AIDS." Because of this fact, the Peer Educators decided to participate in National Condom Awareness Week, which was held from Feb. 14 to 21.

T-shirts and condom-grams were sold to publicize the week. Freshman Lori Parish, another member of Peer Educators, said that the group sold about 125 T-shirts. Collins said that some people would not buy the shirts because they felt that although they

wear the shirts on campus, they were afraid of what the reaction at home might be. "If my mom did my laundry . . ." was a familiar expression.

Dr. Joanne Beck, vice president for Student Affairs and Dean of Students and College President William Anderson were each given a shirt, which the members of the group signed.

About 150 condom-grams, valentines messages which included a red condom, were sold.

Condom Awareness Week's main goal, according to Parish, was to increase education about condoms.

With the threat of AIDS becoming more real, Parish hopes students will learn how important condoms are in this day and age. Collins wants students to know the facts and then decide for themselves.

Although many people, students especially, still don't take the threat of AIDS seriously, or keep thinking "it can't happen to me," some recent MWC graduates have already died of AIDS.

In the future, Collins hopes Peer Educators will offer classes to all students year-round, in order to clear up the myths about sexually-transmitted diseases.

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crowding of classes is another problem caused by students leaving the dorms during the middle of the year. According to Hall, classes which are held have to add more students to make room for the transfer students.

"One of the things which is a real problem for Academic Affairs is mid-year, when we admit a lot of transfer students; it is difficult to find classes for them," he said. "Classes are pretty well picked over during registration in November."

According to Hall, those courses which offer part one during the fall semester and part two during the spring term present another problem for transfer students. "It's hard to start over in the spring," he said.

The process of planning classes for the next semester starts early. For example, said Hall, the administration is putting the fall 1991 Track Book, which contains a list of all available classes, together now. "In the fall, we know how many people to plan for," he added. "The summer gives us time to plan [for the number of students]; we can't plan mid-year."

The only negative aspect of the new housing contracts, according to Lefferts, is that the flexibility is not there for students. "This contract will be a deterrent for about 50 to 100 students," he said, "but the majority will benefit."

Adding students mid-year has also contributed to the increase of students in the past five years. The number of full-time students has increased from 2,490 in 1986-87 to 2,982 in 1990-91.

Lefferts also explained other changes in the new policy. He describes the contract as "user-friendly." "We want the students to understand the terms clearly," he added.

The contract will clearly spell out such items as deadlines, due dates, and other specific terms of the agreement. Students will receive copies of the contracts, unlike previous years, when copies have only been given on request. They will be printed on 11 x 14 paper, a larger size than in the past. The contracts for

returning and freshmen students will be different. According to Lefferts, these two groups need to know different information, and cited the procedure to move off-campus as an example.

"A contract should not be heavy-handed; it should have equal representation of terms and conditions," he said.

Lefferts said that the new contract will be well-publicized during room selection in April. Students can still change to day-student status from April 4 to 30, but they forfeit their \$200 deposit. If students decide to change after July 1, they will have to pay room fees for the entire year.

Mary Washington College is the only school in the state that does not already have year-long housing contracts, according to Beck.

Along with this proposal, changes in food services have also

been passed. According to Gordon Inge, director of ARA food services, there are two big changes.

The first involves a cash equivalence at the Eagles Nest, a fast-food restaurant in the Student Center. "A student who paid for the meal plan could get a certain amount of money credit in the Eagles Nest during the hours of 4 to 9 p.m.," said Inge. He added that the amount of money has not been determined. This purchase could not include alcohol and if the student went over the amount equivalent, they would have to pay cash. Also, a student could not go to Seacobeck, the dining hall on campus, and then to the Eagle's Nest.

"This gives the students more choice and flexibility," said Inge.

The other change includes a steak house night every Friday night in the Green room. "The room will be changed around for this meal to cre-

ate an atmosphere with candlelight and tablecloths," said Inge. "It will be a fun dining idea."

Students who have paid for the meal plan will get six tickets for the year. These tickets will allow the students to eat in there three times per semester. The cash equivalence can be used for additional meals.

The menu will be simple including steak and all the trimmings, said Inge.

Students who work with the ARA catering department will serve as waiters and waitresses.

Reservations will also be required. "There will be a maximum of 75 people per night," added Inge.

Despite student requests, the meal plan was not changed. Currently, students pay for a 15 meal plan with the availability of 21 meals. "Economically, it's better to stay with the full meal plan," said Inge.



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We Have a Loser ...

The *Bullet* staff is proud to announce this year's recipient of the First Annual "Jesse Helms/Loser of the Year Award." To qualify, nominees must make a total ass of themselves while in some way suppressing the First Amendment rights of others.

Will this year's recipient please step forward?

Oh James? Is James B. Gouger here tonight?

Ladies and gentlemen, WE HAVE A LOSER. For those of you who don't know him, Dr. Gouger is chairman of the Department of Geography at Mary Washington College. He has tenure. (Aren't we lucky?)

Gouger, in case you're wondering, is the much heralded professor who, on Thursday night, bombarded a small gathering of peace activists with melodious recorded renditions of "God Bless America" and "Onward Christian Soldiers," thus suppressing their right to assemble in a public place and discuss their views on the Gulf War.

Gouger, if you can bring yourself to believe it, said that he was unaware that the volume was high enough to disrupt the gathering. Come on Jimbo, don't be so modest. Didn't you broadcast your intent to drown out the protesters in your classes earlier in the week? Come on, can you tell us?

Isn't it odd that we've never heard Kate Smith tunes pumpin' from your office on other occasions? Or did you just discover your hearing impairment? Why not try miracle ear?

Okay, lest anyone think that we set out to hurt little Jimmy's feelings, we want to set the record straight. We did.

Jim, you screwed up. Admit it: what you did on Thursday night was make an ass of yourself.

It's obvious that Dr. Gouger was trying to make a statement, but there are other means such as engaging in some constructive dialogue. You'd think a guy with a Ph.D. would have the cojones to participate in an open forum on the war where dissenting views could be voiced.

As a college community, we have to wonder the degree to which Dr. Gouger encourages his students to express their ideas in the class room?

Congratulations Jim! Jesse would be proud.



1991 Jesse Helms/Loser of the Year Award

Professors Recommend Gouger Follow Students' Example for Expressing Dissent

To the Editor,

On Thursday, Feb. 21, 60 Mary Washington College students and faculty members gathered at the Monroe Fountain to express their opposition to the war in the Persian Gulf. The rally, organized by the Progressive Student Union, had received administrative approval on the condition that it not amplify its speakers and that it remain relatively quiet, since classes were still in session. The rally was peaceful and the leaders stayed well within the administrative guidelines. Students discussed antecedents to the war, expressed their concerns for the future in the Middle East, and shared their reasons for protesting.

Shortly after the rally started, however, Professor Jim Gouger, a geogra-

phy teacher at the College, began broadcasting "patriotic" songs at loud volume from speakers placed in third floor Monroe Hall windows overlooking the fountain. With no regard for classes in session, for the traditional American values of freedom of speech and assembly, or for the College's professed stance protecting academic freedom, Jim Gouger sought to stifle public discourse by creating the very disruption that the administration sought to avoid.

The students who had gathered did not retaliate, but waited patiently throughout the disruption. We were impressed and encouraged by the restraint and maturity they exhibited. Similarly, several students who op-

posed the rally and who support the Bush administration approached the gathering and entered into intelligent discussion with rally participants. Once again, we were struck by the maturity of these students' approach in channelling their dissent, in contrast to Gouger, who sought to stifle freedom of speech.

As faculty who attended or heard about the rally, we applaud the students of MWC for their good judgment and their willingness to employ methods of expressing dissent. Jim Gouger should follow their example.

Steve Watkins, Shah Mehrabi, Judith Parker, Joan Olson, Bill Hanson, Carole Corcoran, Jim Goehring

By Mike Fuhrman

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A letter from President Anderson in the current Student Handbook reaffirms the values laid out in the behavioral expectations statement, saying that the education we receive at MWC is "translated into action on our campus, in terms of the tolerance which all are expected to extend toward all others who comprise our collegial 'family.'"

Accordingly, the rules which govern our conduct are based upon the pre-supposition that each of us will act responsibly and with the understanding that, in exercising our individual freedom, we have an obligation as members of the larger community not to infringe upon the rights of others."

It can be argued that Gouger was merely exercising his own right to freedom of expression. This, however, is not the case. He sought not to

relate his own opinions, but to belittle the opinions and beliefs of others.

If, one spring afternoon when the Catholic Student Association was celebrating Mass at the amphitheater, a professor were to open a window of Trinkle Hall and blast music for the sole purpose of preventing students from worshipping as they wish, that faculty member would not go unscathed in the following days and weeks. And neither should Gouger.

He has not only attempted to deny others the right to express themselves, but he has exhibited a blatant lack of respect for students and faculty with opinions contrary to his own, and has flagrantly disregarded those standards which the school as a whole has tried to establish and encourage.

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Freedom of Speech Advocated

To the Editor,

One of the great things about this country is freedom of speech. I would hope that the professors and administration on the Mary Washington campus would help foster this right.

The Administration allowed us to have an anti-war demonstration at 9:00 p.m. on Feb. 21 with the agreement that we would be quiet and peaceful, especially since classes were being held in Monroe. It's too bad that

Professor Gouger did not show the same respect, as he blasted music while we were trying to speak. He told the Free Lance-Star that he believes it is now, he also said that he supports the president and the country; he certainly has the right to say how he feels.

I have learned from some professors at this school not to blindly follow authority and if you feel like something

is wrong, then speak out. We live in a nation which is by the people and for the people, not a dictatorship where the leader does whatever he wants and silences those who disagree. Although I may disagree politically with Bob Johns and Philip Stoneman, I am thankful we agree that everyone on all sides of an issue has the right to voice his opinion.

Jessica Fomalont '91

Troops - War = Same Amount of Troops

To the Editor,

I oppose the Gulf War, not because I feel it is simply for oil, not because I have seen ugly footage on CNN, and not because I am a pacifist.

I oppose the war because it is being fought rashly, hastily, and unnecessarily by a rash and hasty administration. As much as some say about this war being a U.N. effort, the real go-ahead in this war came from Washington. The war is essentially an extension of administration policy. It is a U.S. baby, and now a U.S. problem.

I am convinced of the war's unneccessariness because of the way sanctions against Iraq were working, that is to say effectively. The economy of Iraq was reeling. The economy in Iraq is important enough to its survival to merit an invasion of Kuwait. Economics is the reason Saddam seized it. With the economy of Iraq crumbling as it was under sanctions, Saddam faced a situation that was worsening

daily. The sanctions just needed more than five months. The whole idea of sanctions is to wear down a country with time. And Iraq was being worn down.

This position leads people to argue that Saddam was expected to have a nuclear weapons capability in a year or so. Well, a year hadn't come close before the U.S. started the bombing. The biggest and most emotional excuse for a fight is the treatment of the Kuwaiti people by their aggressors. If anything can justify this war, this does. But to free them by invasion may well devastate their country for more extensively than it has been, very likely more than some extra months of occupation would have. The military option is the most inwardly tempting and viscerally gratifying. But it is a temptation to resist.

I have heard an anti-war rally described as an "anti-troop rally." The

anti-troop rally is in the Gulf. Those of us against the war want our troops home safely. We see no reason to spend lives on a ground war while Iraq is at the point of capitulation. My concept of support for the troops is to make sure that they are not sent to unnecessary deaths. A better bomb, tank or plane provides a better chance, sure, but a questionable "support." I intend to be not anti-troop, but anti-war, anti-troop, anti-widower. In opposing war, I act in my country's interest, particularly as far as I am concerned. If you believe that war is opposed for emotional and not rational reasons, try this: Troops + War = Fewer Troops. Troops - War = Same Amount of Troops. Peter Arnett, this is not your protest. Saddam, this isn't for you. It's for the thousands of people who stand to be in graves at this time next year, unless...

Mike Egan '91

Propaganda Demands Taking War Information with a Grain of Salt

To the Editor,

Congratulations to Mike Smith on his defense from an article that was, by all standards, petty, and hopefully written from emotion rather than reflection. Only one brief word of advice to Mr. Smith: if you keep putting yourself on the back so much, you may hurt yourself. A self-congratulatory, condescending manner, regardless of the author's perceived justification (Mr. Ornstein's article was quite of-fensive and was bound to elicit a strong reply), only serves to detract from an article's respectability. Maybe I sound like a prude, but it seems to me that Mr. Ornstein would have been left feeling foolish enough without the unnecessary personalization, "So put away your sputtering Lenny and step forward. It's time to drink from the fire hose," for one example. Mr. Smith indicates, accurately, that Len Ornstein's letter, "pukes with sarcasm." Unfortunately, Mike Smith's reply also contained a healthy amount of bile. Hypocrisy is very unattractive.

In addressing what primarily precipitated these two largely unpleasant articles, the new coverage, specifically that of CNN's Peter Arnett, of the Persian Gulf war, I would like to make two points. First, the press has the right to print or televise the information it has access to. Now, we come to a sticky situation in that sometimes it is

extremely detrimental to national security to air or publish certain information at certain times. Any "right" taken into its absolute degree is almost always harmful. Thus, our government imposes restrictions that though they may seem to, and often times do, restrict our freedom, are hopefully for the general good. We can only hope and expect, that our elected leaders will use the power we give them in a prudent fashion.

One from our government has seen fit to attempt to censor Peter Arnett because 1) He has a right to report the information, no matter how one-sided, that he has access to. And, 2) Because one has to have faith that the majority of the American people have the ability to take what they hear and see with a certain level of objectivity or, more colloquially, with a grain of salt. I believe it is the American people's credo that, despite a barrage of propaganda from Iraq, there has been a relatively small amount of protestations over Desert Storm.

The second point I wish to make is that Iraq is not the only country sending out information that is one-sided. I heard, I believe, CNN, that about only six of ten missiles fired actually hit their target. Two questions: 1) How many of you have seen videotaped coverage of weapons missing their target.

Scott Kerr '90

Scrapped Bills, Poor Attitudes Frustrate Hard-working Senator

To the Editor,

Senate starts at 5:45 p.m., and unless we have a long-winded guest speaker, we are out around 6:15. We meet only once a week, and yet I get the strong impression that many people want to get out of there as quickly as possible. (I hope I am wrong when I make this pre-judgement.)

As a freshman senator, I thought I would be taking a passive role in Senate, and learning the ropes from the older, more experienced, upperclass senators. Instead I find myself being one of a handful of senators - often the same ones - introducing new legislation.

MWC is a great place. But it is not perfect, and there are many changes that need to take place. It amazes me that out of all the people that participate in Senate, only a few recognize the need for any sort of change at MWC. True, a senator only has two eyes and there are things we do not see. As I tell people at hall meetings, "Talk to me;

let me know if you run into a wrong which you know should not be."

The attitude of many MWC students in regard to most issues is exemplified at Eagles basketball games: The stands fill up, but hardly anyone cheers. My point is that students care about and know what's going on, but are afraid to raise their voices. Try to let your senator know what's going on, and a good senator will do something about it.

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actually costs.

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Egan Proclaims Self King of the College, Outlaws Use of 'Per Se'

MIKE EGAN



In the course of human events and in the vicissitudes of politics, unusual things sometimes transpire. One is about to, and here it is: I declare myself to be King of Mary Washington College.

My reign shall be the most benign, most austere, and least ostentatious of

any seen in this hemisphere for 500 years. I shall rule gently and jokingly, issuing humorous edicts for diversion and relief from an altogether too-serious year.

To commence: President Anderson, be at ease. Your office goeth unchallenged. Mine, in Willard Palace, has more windows and I like it better. Kurt, you are likewise not to fear. This is not a coup. Hamlet House need not be barricaded. Senators, I grant unto you . . . tandem rides from my largesse. Faculty, feel free to augment any of my pug grades. Dorn Presidents, you may borrow my croquet mallets.

But most crucially, I ordain and es-

tablish that nobody is to say "per se," in class or out, within earshot of another person. This is essential to the continued felicity and well-being of our campus. Below the Library, on the slope above the Future Royal Pond, there is a brick wall on which those who wish to say "per se" are to sit and discreetly say "per se" until the desire quits them.

It is now a temporal necessity that I close this proclamation with expressions of hope and reassurance to those who fear losing their rightful positions.

Regally,
H.M. Michael Egan
King of Mary Washington

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way to kick off Amnesty's Human Rights Week.

This week is devoted to awareness of human rights violations around the world. The highlight of the week will be a speaker from El Salvador, Omar Centurion. Omar is a refugee from El Salvador. He became involved in working for human rights at the age of fourteen, in high school. After his friends started disappearing, Omar was pursued by El Salvador's "death squads." He then moved to America with the help of several congressmen and Amnesty members. Omar will be speaking in the Red Lounge on Tuesday, Feb. 26. Don't miss this chance to see what is happening in a country that is supported by the American government.

Another major event will be a week-long Write-a-thon. This gives everyone a chance to participate in worldwide affairs. The Write-a-thon table will be located in the Student Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. all week. We need your support to make this project a success.

Finally, look around this week for flyers with updates on human rights situations in various countries. It is a great chance to learn about countries with names that you probably can't even spell.

This week will give everyone a chance to get involved in an exciting and productive solution to some of the world's problems. As English poet and naturalist Erasmus Darwin once said, "He who allows oppression shares the crime."

Scheduling Stinks, Reforms in Registration Process Are Necessary

BERNARD O'DONNELL, JR.
Commentary

Now that we have settled down into our semester's routine, I would like to bring back to mind a hellish experience that some of us went through at the start of this semester. It is commonly known as "scheduling classes." First of all, I should probably tell you what I think of the system. It is the worst. Okay, okay, I'll elaborate.

To begin with, the first problem with the system is that any level student can sign up for any level class. By this, I mean that a second-semester senior can sign up for any introductory class that is being offered.

The problem arises come scheduling time. In a hypothetical situation, let us say that a senior has met all of his General Education requirements and almost all of the courses required for his major, and needs to take a class only in order to receive the credits to graduate. He then signs up for a 100 level course because they are supposedly easier than upper-level courses. The result of this is that freshmen and sophomores now have less of a chance of enrolling in the class taken by the

senior. They may need that introductory class in order to fulfill their own general education requirements. Often, a freshman will come out of scheduling with only six or nine credits because no other "useful" classes are available.

It is now time for the real fun to begin; that's right, drop/add time.

This process is a major distraction for a student because he/she must take time out of his/her busy schedule during the first week of classes and go to G.W. Hall to see if anyone has dropped a class he/she wants, or, as is more often the case, needs. But wait! Before we go through this process, they must track down their academic advisor and have them sign forms allowing students to add classes.

With his/her instructor's signature on the form, the student is now ready for drop/add. This process consists of going to G.W. Hall between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., and trying to add that much needed class. The scene of the second floor of G.W. brings to mind a miniature version of the New York Stock Exchange. Students are either looking at the sheet that had the open classes on it, dashing to their advisors, or waiting in line to drop and/

or add. The scene is utter chaos, to say the least.

At the beginning of this semester, I had only twelve credits, and desperately needed to take another class in order to fulfill a requirement. The following story is absolutely true, and has not been fabricated in the least.

During the first week of the semester, I went to drop/add eight times on Monday - no openings. Seven times on Tuesday - zero. Eight times on Wednesday, again, no go. Six times on Thursday, sorry, have a nice day. Finally, on my sixth trip to drop/add on Friday, I got a class that would fulfill one of my requirements, and it only took a grand total of thirty-five trips to G.W. in order to get it.

During that first week, I had to miss four classes because I couldn't chance not seeing if someone had dropped a class that I might need. Needless to say, I fell behind in my four other classes during the first week, just because I wanted to add another class. Also, the ladies who work the switchboard criminals at drop/add do know my name, and would greet me when I walked into the room. By Wednesday

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Student Asks Police to Leave Him Alone

To the Campus Police,

It's another Thursday night, and, as I often do, I'm sitting on one of our many benches on Campus Walk, reclining and enjoying the beautiful (if strange) weather. As I sit here, enjoying the night air, watching the stars, and thinking, a Campus Police officer approaches me with walkie talkie in hand and asks me what I'm doing. I'm not really concerned at this point, I've been asked that question a lot; everyone tells me I look like I'm waiting for someone. So, I give him my usual response: I'm just hanging out, enjoying the night air. No, I'm not doing anything special, sir, I'm just enjoying my company.

The officer responds that if I absolutely must sit there, I have to sit up straight because I look like I'm sleeping. Sleeping, it seems, is not allowed on our benches on campus walk. I tell him I'm not sleeping, and he tells me that it doesn't matter, I look like I am. It occurs to me that it is Thursday night, and as it is a night of revelry, perhaps he thinks I may have overindulged and all that stuff. So, I politely and helpfully tell him that I am not drunk, and that I really was only

trying to enjoy the weather. He tells me it doesn't matter, to sit up straight, and not to sleep. Then he walks away. All I wanted to do was to sit around and enjoy the night air, watching the stars, and thinking. That's it. I was not being a vagrant. I have a lovely little room in Willard that I am quite fond of. I have a home. Why did this officer come up to me and tell me I wasn't allowed to recline in a bench because I looked like I was sleeping?

Could it be, maybe, because I do not look like our typical MWC student, and therefore I must be watched more closely? Could he have felt threatened by the padlock I wear around my neck, my leather jacket, my key chain, my boots, my anarchy bandanna? Could he have decided that perhaps I was so disreputable that I needed to be harassed?

This has happened to me before. I have been escorted out of the Eagle's Nest (on a Thursday) because "I was wearing too many chains." I was forbidden to enter the Eagle's Nest during the class reunion that last semester because I was told my appearance would "offend" and "bother" some people. Luckily, both these things were

taken care of. At least, I'd been told by people of authority that the officers in question had been overzealous. On the other hand, I was stopped in the Underground because the officer took exception to my wearing a pair of handcuffs. While walking around at two o'clock in the morning, I was stopped by an officer who requested to see my I.D. One Friday night I was stopped by a constable who told me that I shouldn't swing my key chain around because it made people "nervous." I was never in any of these instances told exactly who it was I was "offended" or "bothered" or "make nervous."

Campus Police: GET OFF MY AXE. I am not a rapist, I am not an axe murderer, I don't have a chip on my shoulder (at least I didn't until now). I don't hate you guys. I'm not trying to undermine the moral fiber of this college. I don't want to see the campus in flames. Maybe I dress like a freak. Maybe I am a freak. It's none of your damn business if I am or not so just get off my back. Leave me alone.

Chris Wright '93

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National Problem Strikes Home in Fredericksburg



Photo Pete Chirico
Though families are steered toward the Hope House, women and children often stay at the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter.

Area Services Provide for Homeless

By Steve Zehring
Special to the Bullet

A week ago, if John Akers had had any money, you'd have found him in a bar. If it were cold outside he might have been sitting inside Hardee's on Princess Anne Street; he'd sit there until closing. But that was a week ago. Tonight, Akers is probably sleeping comfortably in Fredericksburg's Maury School Shelter.

Akers, who says he's confined to a wheelchair because he got hit by an Amtrak train when he was 15, is a homeless person. He's what most folks would call a vagrant, a derelict, a bum.

Despite his handicap, Akers says that one day he's going to get his own place and maybe get married again. But things haven't been easy.

"All I would want right now is a one-bedroom efficiency. But they're few and far between in Fredericksburg. And I just don't have enough money. Every time I get working, they cut my Social Security off," Akers said.

To census takers, Akers is just one of the estimated three million homeless people in the United States. Nationally, that number is on the rise. According to a fact sheet put out by Housing Now, an organization for the homeless in Washington, D.C., one Congressionally-funded study predicts that another nearly 19 million people will face the prospect of homelessness in America in the next 15 years.

In Virginia alone, the total number of sheltered homeless people in 1989 was 65,076, according to the Virginia Coalition for the Homeless.

Like other homeless people, Akers needed to find a place to stay. The streets are cold again now that winter is here. Fortunately for him, Fredericksburg operates a shelter. But for other homeless people, finding that place isn't always easy. There aren't that many shelters to choose from. So,

oftentimes homeless people do what other citizens do when they need directions; they find a cop.

Fredericksburg City Police Officer Robert Jones said that the homeless frequently ask police officers for help.

"They come to you and ask if there is a shelter nearby where they can get help," Jones said. "Homeless people even come from out of state. They assume that we have a place to take them, but that's not always the case. The city has a shelter by the old Maury School, but it's in and out of operation."

Jones thinks that the city should do something for the homeless to help with their problems.

Fredericksburg City Manager Anthony Hooper said that he is doing something. He said that the problem of homelessness has been a real issue in the community, and to help cope with the problem, the city has two shelters for the homeless: the Hope House on Lafayette Boulevard, which serves about 20 to 30 people at a time, mostly families; and an emergency shelter program, the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter, which is a cooperative effort between the city and various church organizations.

Hooper said that the city leases property at the Maury School annex to provide temporary shelter for the homeless. The program is funded by the city and the county of Stafford at a cost of about \$50,000, and runs from Dec. 1 through the end of March, two months less than last year. There are also part-time paid employees on the staff and a paid coordinator. "Manpower is the real expense. And then there are the rent and utilities," Hooper said.

This year, the program is starting a day program which will try to help the homeless get jobs, and to hopefully deal more effectively with any substance abuse, mental or emotional problems.

However, it looks as though this year will be the last year that the city operates the shelter. In a letter prepared by the city

manager, Hooper wrote, "The shelter board will be advised that the Maury School Annex or other related buildings will not be available for rent to serve as a shelter or similar facility beyond the close of the program on March 31, 1991."

Charles Sletten, professor of sociology at Mary Washington College, said that for the most part, society has been devoting a greater effort toward providing temporary shelters for the homeless, especially in recent years.

Sletten said that years ago, large numbers of people were deinstitutionalized from mental hospitals because of effective drug therapies.

Those people, when they were released, were supposed to be directed toward facilities much like group homes.

"That was the intent. Localities were supposed to build facilities for the patients to go to, where they would be free to come and go as they pleased. The patients were released, but the facilities never materialized," Sletten said.

What does Sletten think the city of Fredericksburg's role should be? "We really ought to help these people. But if the city were to invest a significant amount of money in fixing up a shelter to help the homeless, the word would get around that Fredericksburg was the place to go. Homeless people from Washington, D.C., Richmond, Baltimore and other places would swarm to Fredericksburg," Sletten said.

Captain Derek Farmer from the Salvation Army Corps Community Center at 821 Lafayette Boulevard put it another way. "Up until now, I don't believe the homeless situation in this area has been quite as critical as it's been made out. Meaning that a lot of people the homeless shelter received

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Shelter Issue Sparks Community Debate

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Twenty people gathered outside the old Maury School in downtown Fredericksburg to await the winter opening of the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter on Dec. 2, 1990. Most arrived alone, carrying trashbags containing a few possessions; others came with friends and relatives.

"It's about time," sighed a middle-aged man wearing blue jeans, a ripped sweatshirt, and a knitted hat as the shelter doors were unlocked.

For weeks they had awaited the opening of the shelter, which has been housed in the old school building for the past two winters. This year, the wait was especially long. For the first time in two winters, the local homeless shelter almost did not open its doors.

Complaints about some of the homeless people were filed by homeowners neighboring the shelter. These complaints, in addition to last summer's petition containing 93 signatures, sparked this fall's debate over whether the city would once again renew the shelter's lease at the school.

The complaints centered primarily around the loitering of homeless people in neighborhoods surrounding the shelter. "In general, there were people loitering and the homeowners didn't feel comfortable or secure," explained City Manager Anthony Hooper. Charged that the homeless littered and urinated in local yards were also made by homeowners.

During discussion of the situation at an Oct. 9, 1990 town meeting, Douglas Parker, spokesman for the concerned townspersons, stated that during previous winters, officials had not adequately enforced shelter rules. "In the past, they had no idea what was going on. We just want them to be responsible for their residents," Parker said.

MWC student Gina Haney, who has worked with Central Virginia Housing Coalition and volunteered at the shelter for almost two winters, feels that the homeowners' complaints are well-founded. "When [they] release homeless people at night because they are on drugs or alcohol, they hang around the shelter area," said Haney. She has also noted that the homeless loiter there in the mornings while waiting for the shelter to open.

Barbara Gear, Shelter Board chairperson, recognized the problems imposed on homeowners by the homeless and advocated negotiations that would allow the shelter to reopen, while addressing the concerns of neighbors. This fall, Gear filed a petition signed by 824 townspersons supporting the city's reapproval of the shelter lease. According to Gear, although less than 1 percent of the



Photo Pete Chirico
Shelter residents spend their last year at the Maury School in Fredericksburg.

Fredericksburg population is homeless, responsibility must be taken for whatever number of needy there are in the city.

After listening to the concerns of both sides, Hooper attempted to develop a resolution that addressed homeowner complaints but also concurred with the interest of the shelter.

"I thought it was important that the shelter remain operational," explained Hooper, who saw the merits of and need for the facility. "The shelter utilizes volunteers to handle a problem the city would otherwise have to deal with."

The plan, which was approved by the City Council, established the following: The Maury School will be leased to the Shelter Board for one more year. The shelter will be open two months less this year than in previous winters.

In addition to volunteers, 24-hour paid professionals will staff the shelter. A former resident of the shelter has also been hired to help counsel the homeless. Loitering by the homeless will be monitored by volunteers patrolling neighborhoods around the shelter.

Hooper also took an active role in helping to modify the shelter's rules.

Though the shelter will continue to operate under the guidance of a different church each week, shelter board members hope that more extensive training sessions for the volunteering churches will promote greater continuation in enforcing the center's rules.

"In the past, there's been a problem with having different organizations come in on a weekly basis," explained Haney. "Each church organization reads the rules differently."

Two churches that have been involved with the shelter, Shiloh Baptist Church and Fredericksburg Presbyterian, dis-

agreed with the way the shelter was run last winter and informed shelter officials that they would not be volunteering this winter. After negotiations over the shelter lease were completed, Shiloh Baptist agreed to return.

"The local officials did the right thing in responding to the complaints of taxpayers," said Gear, who felt the agreement worked out by the city manager was fair.

AI Teis, who spent one month at the shelter last March, had negative feelings about the center. "Their policies aren't enforced fairly," says Teis, who was not allowed to stay at the shelter one night when he arrived drunk.

According to Haney, the city's resolution fairly addressed the concerns expressed by homeowners. "I know that the neighborhood has been greatly affected [by the shelter]," she said. Haney also applauds the fact that the shelter was given one final year at the Maury school, and views the winter as a four-month trial period for the shelter's new rules.

This year, in addition to providing a place for the homeless to sleep, the shelter will be offering a day program, which will address alcohol and drug dependency as well as offer personal counseling. A day program run by the shelter two years ago was discontinued when the person in charge of the sessions resigned.

In order to staff the day program and maintain the shelter's overnight facilities, an increase in volunteers will be required. Shelter volunteers are from Mary Washington College and the Fredericksburg area.

During the shelter's last year at its

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Campus Club Responds Constructively to Low Income Housing Shortage



Young Hope House residents help with the shelter chores.

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The housing assistance Habitat for Humanity offers comes at a crucial time. During the past eight years, according to information from Financial Counselor Kathy Cogar of the Hope House, a family-oriented shelter in Fredericksburg, federal support for low income housing programs has fallen 77 percent, to less than \$8 billion a year. During the same time period, government subsidies for upper-level income homeowners has grown to \$46 billion a year.

The MWC Chapter of Habitat does not require membership dues, but plans to apply for funds through the SA Finance Committee. A large portion of the club's budget for next year will include money allocated for the purchase of tools needed on construction sites.

Tools, however, aren't the only thing volunteers need for the work projects. "They need a desire to help out," said

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Photo Pete Chirico
The Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter relies on paid coordinators and a full staff of volunteers.



Residents at the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter are served breakfast, dinner, and brown bag lunches. Photo Pete Chirico

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were the folk that were just traveling from shelter to shelter around the countryside. They had marked Fredericksburg off as being another stopping point," Farmer said.

"I had a good many of these same fellows come through here in September, wanting to know when the mission opened up. In other words, the word had been traveling about and it was time to hit Fredericksburg again," Farmer explained.

"Fredericksburg is the stopping point. It's not Spousy, it's not Stafford, it's not Caroline, it's not King George. They come to Fredericksburg," Farmer explained.

He went on to say that if you took all of the transient, "professional" bums out of the statistics, the numbers would reflect a far less critical situation.

But Farmer has reservations about what is in store for the homeless. He's beginning to see the composition of the homeless changing. "I think that what we're starting to see now is a far greater, ah, the seriousness of it is going to be far greater than what we've ever experienced before," Farmer commented.

"We're starting to see families that have been able to keep shelter all of a sudden out of hours and home. All of a sudden it's mothers, dads, kids, all out on the street. I just don't know how great an impact this is going to have," Farmer said.

How serious does Farmer think the homeless situation is? "I'm just a little bit concerned with what we're seeing right now, if it's any indication of what's to come," Farmer said.

What Farmer really wants for the homeless is to build his own shelter. "I see a need for a shelter, and we're in the process of conducting a study to see what the Army needs to do in that regard," Farmer said. "Overall, even if we had a 50-bed shelter here, it certainly wouldn't be competition for the Hope House or anything else. There is a need. There wouldn't be any competition, we'd just be working closer together."

How long does Farmer think that the homeless people ought to be able to stay in a shelter? "I think we have too long a stay period. I think it's great for a place like the Hope House, but I don't think it's good for a shelter. These guys don't need to sit for too long," Farmer said.

The Hope House, located at 902 Lafayette Boulevard, is the only year-round shelter for the homeless in Fredericksburg.

Hope House, however, is different from typical homeless shelters. It focuses mostly on homeless families with children. "We don't like to take in transients because of the children," said Hope House Director Billie Land.

Presently, there are 11 kids at the shelter, which has room for about 26 people, one room per family. "Hope House mostly gets single moms. We don't have any two-parent families right now," Land said.

She explained that most of the people have jobs, but not good jobs. Sometimes their problems come about if they get laid off. When this happens they can't make the rent, and ultimately get evicted. "It seems that when they come in, they have lost everything," Land said.

Land also explained that a lot of homeless people don't have decision-making skills. To help them, Hope House is staffed 24 hours a day, has a case manager who handles individual problems and sets up housing opportunities, and a

financial counselor who helps families get back on their feet financially.

"We've had some successes here. We get more people who are able to work. They have an advantage over some other groups," Land said. "We try to solve their basic problems. It's more than just a place to stay overnight."

Statistics provided by Land show that during a 15-month period, the Hope House had to turn away 2,161 requests for shelter. That number averages out to about 650 denials in a three-month period, when the Maury School shelter is closed.

The families living at the Hope House also take part in doing chores. They do their own cooking, their own laundry, and they clean. Image is important. Because some neighbors complained when the shelter first opened up, there are very strict rules. No smoking on the porch; no trash in the yard; a p.m. curfew; and no drinking or drugs.

That leaves only one shelter in the Fredericksburg area: the Maury School Shelter. Last year, the shelter was open for six months. During this time 7,713 homeless people were given shelter were housed, on an average of 1,285 homeless persons per month.

Barbara Gear, director of the shelter, seemed very pleased with the facility, which opened up for the winter on Dec. 1. She said that people came to the shelter for various reasons.

"People were coming in because they couldn't pay their December rent. They didn't have any place to go. Other people were living in the tubes down by the park," Gear said.

The tubes are large drain pipes located between Caroline Street and the Rappahannock River. At times, the tubes are the only shelter available to the homeless.

"A lot of people come to Fredericksburg to work. The problem is that there's no transportation. That's a big deal. If you can't get to work, you can't work," Gear said.

"Normally, we have about 60 percent that work. Some of these people are not able to keep jobs, or their alcoholism doesn't allow it. But right now, what we have are street people who have come in," Gear said.

Gear got started in helping the homeless when she was a child. "When I was a kid, my family's house was a marked house. That meant that hobos who came up and down on the trains knew that if you came to that house, they would always give you something to eat. That's what hobos did when I was young. So I always knew that when somebody came to our door, there was always enough food to fix a plate. That's what I knew as a kid," Gear said.

Gear said that the first year Fredericksburg got involved in helping the homeless, the homeless slept in churches. Eight downtown churches were involved in the initial effort.

But Gear was not pleased with the arrangements. "Every week you picked up all of their belongings and all the bunks and all of everything, and moved it to the next church. The facilities were terrible. We had to take them clear to the 'Y' in Stafford for them to take a shower," Gear said.

Then, the city finally said that a piece of Maury School could be used to provide an emergency shelter. "We used it for six months at a time for two years. They have now said that we have to be out at the end of this year," Gear said.

"We had a lot of conflicts this past summer because the neighbors did not want it (the shelter) here. I understand not wanting it next door to you. There is no question in my mind. But it's such a wonderful facility," Gear said.

Last year, the shelter had between 3,000 and 4,000 volunteers. There were 34 churches that got involved, along with people who just came in and wanted to help.

Gear explained that for every volunteer hour, the federal government matches that hour with \$5 in federal funds.

"Now, what I'm hoping to do, is either buy, build, or renovate something to have a year-round shelter," Gear said. Gear has high hopes for a year-round shelter in Fredericksburg. "I'm looking at a place on Lafayette. It's a big warehouse," she said.

What Gear envisions is not just a temporary shelter but a facility that gradually reintegrates the homeless into society. Homeless people would move through a series of steps leading to self-sufficiency.

Gear explained that on one side of the facility she would have an emergency shelter like what exists now at the Maury School. On the other side of the facility she would put transitional housing area. Gear said that for transitional housing she would charge \$20 a week.

"You're just getting a job, you're just getting started. You get free meals and you have to pay \$20. That gives you a bunk to sleep in," Gear said.

Gear further explained that the person would spend about six months in transitional housing. This would give the person time to get their act together, stabilize themselves in a job and save enough money for an apartment.

Ultimately, in about nine months' time, a homeless person would make the transition from being a homeless, totally dependent on society, to being a more self-confident person who is incrementally becoming reintegrated into society.

"This is what we need. We need transitional housing. This is my dream," Gear said.

Gear acknowledges that not everyone will make it. But there are some people who really can.

"Last night, this guy was sitting over here with his little boy. He was here three years ago and then went to Vermont. Things got really tough so he came back. He's a good worker, I believe that. But he just barely makes it. When things get tough, the 'just-making-it' fall under the table," Gear said. "I do believe that he is an intelligent man, who, with some support, with counseling, with believing in himself, can pick himself up through the steps. But you gotta have the steps there. We don't have any steps right now. We have no steps for people to get out."

Because this is the last year for Maury Shelter, Gear has her work cut out for her. "I'm going to write a grant. I hope to have the money and everything in place by July. I believe that between July and mid-November, we're going to have a shelter. We've got to have at least something for 150 people in Fredericksburg, I think that's the number," she said.

"I just really have faith, because we've got to do something," Gear said, adding, "We have to find a place for the homeless."

Students Volunteer at Homeless Shelter

By Sunday Frey
Buller Staff Writer

The Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter, the largest establishment working for the homeless in Fredericksburg, relies heavily on the assistance of community members. Volunteers are badly needed at the shelter, and many students are stepping in to fill the roles. MWC's Community Outreach and Resources (C.O.A.R.) program has been training interested students and sending them to work with great success.

"C.O.A.R. has already trained about 100 students, encouraging them to volunteer at least once a week," says Director Kathleen Knight. So far, sign-ups have been high and there have been no problems, explained Knight.

"You get a lot out of going - they train you at the shelter, and the people are wonderful," says one volunteer, whose smile alone could have recruited a dozen volunteers.

Volunteer duties are simple. Churches take care of the meals, so students just need to listen and talk to shelter resi-

dents. Volunteers have found the residents to be good people who are down on their luck and need a good listener. When the shelter closes next month, however, the residents will need much more than that.

Due to complaints from neighbors who don't like the idea of the shelter, the Maury School is scheduled to close on April first.

"Hopefully, when the shelter closes, the students will be moved to make an effort to find out what the problems with low-income housing are, what the state is doing, and get to the root of what they're doing there," says Knight.

Fredericksburg establishments continue to search for solutions to the problem. The Central Virginia Housing Coalition is a committee set up to provide information on loans, low-income housing, and rentals. This organization works with Habitat for Humanity and the City Council's committee on the homeless to find homes for the homeless.

The Hope House, a shelter for families, is operated by the Rappahannock Knights at the C.O.A.R. office at x4821.

Refuge and also makes use of campus volunteers. Since its opening in 1987, the number of homeless has tripled, forcing them to turn many away from their 26-bed facility. The growing unemployment in this area is expected to put great strain on the Hope House, many of whose residents have lost their primary source of income.

Also working with the Hope House is the Haven, a shelter for domestic violence victims.

The Thurman Brisben Shelter was originally only leased for a year, in 1987, but its initial success led to renewal. Before the Maury School was leased, the shelter had been moved from church to church and supported by a band of volunteers.

While Thurman Brisben Shelter Director Barbara Gear, and the other establishments continue to assist the needy, student volunteers search for more solutions to the homeless problem. Persons with questions, or those interested in volunteering, should contact Kathleen Knight at the C.O.A.R. office at x4821.

Homelessness

- * Prevalent estimates place the number of homeless Americans at 3 million.
- * Nearly 19 million people will face the prospect of homelessness in America in the next 15 years.
- * At the start of Reagan's first term, the U.S. spent \$7 on defense for every \$1 spent on housing. Today, the ratio is \$44 to \$1.
- * Only one-third of all American families who meet the government's own test of need are receiving federal housing subsidies.
- * In 1983, nearly 10 million households occupied housing that did not meet minimum quality standards.

SHELTER

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present location, Hohol plans to take an encouraging role in helping the shelter make plans for next year.

Gear has already given thought to the future of the shelter. "I'm gonna build one!" Gear exclaims. She is considering the possibility of moving into a ware-

house and renovating it.

At a Jan. 15, 1991 town meeting, the Shelter Board asked the council to consider a 15-person increase over the current 60-person capacity. However, area residents are still voicing complaints about the homeless littering, and the council vetoed the proposal.

Meanwhile, 60 residents can settle in for a maximum of 30 days each during

the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter's final year at the Maury School. This year, however, in addition to watching Redskins games and drinking coffee, traditional shelter pastimes, residents spent part of their first night at the shelter picking up trash in the neighborhood.

The shelter-community relationship continues to be marked with conflict.

HABITAT

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Hohol.

Hohol was excited about the results of the chapter's Feb. 17 trip. "It was pretty successful for our first trip," said Hohol.

Jeff Jones, chairperson of the chapter's membership committee, was equally positive about the trip. "We had a good turnout and there was a wholehearted effort and a lot of enthusiasm. We got a

lot accomplished."

Renee Wicks also enjoyed participating in the chapter's first project. "Helped build partitions in the houses," she explained. "It was wonderful! We're building these houses so people can get off the streets and have a nice place to live."

Future construction trips are being planned for this semester. "There's a lot of building going on in D.C. right now," says Hohol.

Hohol will be graduating this May, but

plans to continue her involvement with the program. "I may be working for Habitat in Tennessee after I graduate," explains Hohol. In discussing the responsibility she would have in such a position, Hohol says, "It would be mixed - construction and administration."

The future of the campus chapter is also shaping up. Jones would like to see members become more involved in repairing old houses, and adds that, "We're going to try to do more projects here in Fredericksburg."



February
27th - Terrance Simien & the Mallet Playboys
From the movie "The Big Easy"

28th - The Peterson's - Progressive Rock

March

1st - Bruce Ewan and the Solid Sound

Senders - Rhythm & Blues

2nd - Blues Messengers - Blues

6th - Open Mic Night - Amatuer Night

7th - Tom Principato Rhythm & Blues

8th - The Assassins - Rockin Rhythm

9th - The Assassins - Back for a Second Night

14th - Chris Lucas is

15th - Here for 4 nights

16th - And all day St. Patty's Day

17th - The Day of The Irish

20th - Open Mic Night - Amatuer Night

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SPORTS

Women Lose Controversial CAC Championship Game to MU 86-84

College Hoops

On Saturday, Feb. 23, the Mary Washington College women's basketball team traveled to Marymount University in Northern Virginia to face the Saints for the first-ever Capitol Athletic Conference Championship, and well (topped it mildly)...

We got housed. We got gyped. We got screwed. We got cheated. We got dissed.

That's what Coach Gallahan and the troops must have been thinking on the trip back to Fredericksburg following Saturday's heart-breaking 86-84 loss to MU.

Though it probably wasn't the worst officiated game I've ever seen (I've played intramurals here for two years), it was close.

MWC gained possession of the ball with :11 to play when MU's Karen Still missed the front end of a one-and-one. As time ran out, MWC's Linda Konfala was hacked by a trio of Saint's and Coach Gallahan onto the court, pleading for a time-out. But the refs were snoozin' and we lost.

After the game, Gallahan had a few words for the officials and anyone else who would lend an ear. The MWC contingent who made the trip to MU vocalized their discontent as well.

It was a physical game. There was bangin' a plenty in the paint. At times, we got beat up. For the most part, the officials were consistent throughout, consistently awful. They bungled travelling calls and stood by while Eagle after Eagle was assaulted inside.

MWC trailed 39-28 with less than 6:00 to play in the first half, and were on the verge of getting blown out, when Kim Nagy ignited a 10-0 Eagle run to pull within one. Following an MU timeout, however, the Saints answered with a 6-0 run of their own to lead 45-38 at the break.

After MU twice extended its lead to nine points in the second half, the Eagles battled back to lead by 58-57 with 11:53 to play on Susan Myers' jumper. From there on, it was nip and tuck as there were 10 lead changes.

Mary Washington's biggest lead came at the the five minute mark as Konfala's jumper put the Eagles up 78-74.

The Saints were 20-6 going into the game though and they were playing at home, so I guess they were supposed to win.

Still, it really bites when championship games are decided by K-mart caliber refs, but the CAC is a new conference, so you can't expect the likes of Lenny Wertz and Dick Paparo (from the ACC) to make the trek to Northern Virginia.

THE BULLET 1990-91

ALL-MWC TEAM:

F Robin Peck	10.5 ppg
F Kim Nagy	16.1 ppg
C Steve Posey	11.7 ppg
G Bernard Johnson	13.1 ppg
G Susan Myers	13.4 ppg
G Eddie Fields	11.4 ppg

By Matt Geary
Bullet Sports Editor

The MWC women's basketball team was defeated by Marymount 86-84 in the championship game of the Capitol Athletic Conference Tournament on Saturday.

MWC had an opportunity to tie or win the game with 11 seconds to play and possession of the ball.

Linda Konfala attempted to get off a shot from the paint with three Marymount defenders draped on her. It appeared that one or more of the defenders fouled Konfala while she was shooting, but no foul was called and time ran out on Mary Washington's hopes for the victory.

Throughout the final 11 seconds, Coach Gallahan tried in vain to get a timeout called by one of the referees. At one point she was well out onto the court screaming at the referee for the timeout, but got no response from him.

NCAA rules allow coaches to call a timeout for their team in a deadball situation or if their team is in possession of the ball.

According to Coach Gallahan, NCAA rules do not allow for protests. "I'm upset mainly because my team was not given the opportunity to set up a play that could have tied or won the ballgame for us," said Gallahan.

"My team played exceptionally well and extremely hard. I feel that they deserved better in what could be their last game of the season."

With a record of 15-11, MWC still has hopes of getting a bid to the ECAC Tournament. "I really hope that this isn't the last game that my team has to play this year. An ECAC bid would be nice," said Gallahan. Marymount, with a record of 21-6, has a good shot at a second consecutive bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Strong performances for Mary



Photo Mike Fuhrman

Senior Robin Peck is hammered by a Marymount defender as she drives for two of her 16 points.

Washington were turned in by Kim Nagy, Susan Myers, Robin Peck and Linda Konfala. Nagy paced the team with 20 points and five rebounds, Myers contributed 18 points and Peck and Konfala added 16 points apiece.

Marymount played a very physical game throughout and were whistled for 27 fouls. Despite the fact that Marymount was called for many fouls, it was apparent that the referees were allowing a lot of physical contact to go unchecked.

Marymount 86,
Mary Washington 84
Mary Washington—Brown 2, Lenhart 2, Peck 16, Konfala 16, Charon 10, Myers 18, Nagy 20 **Totals 35 12 84**
Marymount—Romans 2, Still 20, Grenier 14, DiClemente 5, Giarrusso 8, Wolfe 11, Salerno 2, Washington 20, Thomasson 2, Riceman 2 **Totals 38 9 86**
Halftime: Marymount, 45-38.
Three-point goals: MWC 2 (Peck 2)
Marymount 1 (DiClemente 1)

Gallahan Teaches Valuable Lessons As Women's Basketball Coach

By Matt Geary
Bullet Sports Editor

For Connie Gallahan, coaching college athletics has been a way of life for 21 years.

This year's women's basketball team finished with a record of 15-11 overall and 7-4 in the Capitol Athletic Conference. Of the team's 11 losses this season, five were by three points or less.

According to Gallahan, this could have easily translated into a 20 win season. "We lost some really tough, really close games this year. With our schedule, if we won 20 games we would have a good chance of making the NCAA Tournament," she said.

Gallahan got her first job coaching and teaching at Virginia Intermont College after graduating from Longwood College, and getting her masters from Tennessee at Knoxville.

During her seven years at Virginia Intermont, Gallahan was the head coach of the women's basketball, field hockey, tennis and volleyball teams. One of the aspects of her job that Gallahan found difficult, was teaching while coaching four sports with no assistants.

"Most of the girls that I coached at Virginia Intermont were physical education majors that played sports because they needed the experience for teaching after they graduated. My main goal coaching was to give them the experience that they needed to be successful teachers," said Gallahan.

The demands associated with coaching four varsity teams and, at the same time, teaching physical education classes finally got to Gallahan.

After seven years with the program at Virginia Intermont, she decided that she'd had enough and called it quits. "I just finally burned out," she said.

After leaving Virginia Intermont, Gallahan got a job as the tennis pro at the Fredericksburg Country Club. "I found working as the tennis pro to be very enjoyable but it was a big



Photo Mike Fuhrman

Coach Gallahan stares in disbelief as the referees allow Marymount to continue pushing her players around in the paint on Saturday.

change from what I had been doing," said Gallahan. Two years after going to work at the Country Club, Gallahan decided that she was ready to coach again. "I knew that it was time to get back to the college environment," she said.

So, in 1977, Gallahan accepted the position as the head coach of the women's volleyball and basketball teams at Mary Washington College.

Gallahan coached the volleyball team from 1977 to 1987 when the coaching duties were turned over to softball coach Dee Conway. "We had some very successful seasons during my years as volleyball coach. We won the state championship a couple of times—it was really enjoyable," said Gallahan.

The women's basketball team has also seen a good deal of success under Gallahan's guidance. They have been state champions and have won the ECAC Championship during her 14 years as head coach.

Despite the program's success, Gallahan still hasn't reached one of the goals she set for herself when she came to Mary Washington.

"I want to go to the NCAA Tournament and win it all. This is not inconceivable for an MWC women's basketball team. We had one season in which we were 20-6 and a team that we had beaten twice was picked

ahead of us," explained Gallahan. Despite losing a heartbreaker in the CAC Championship game, Gallahan was pleased with her team's efforts.

"This season's squad was very team-oriented. If one of our players was shut down by the opposition, someone else picked up the slack. That was the reason for our success this year," said Gallahan.

One noticeable aspect of the women's team this year has been their constant hustle and hard work. "This team is in very good shape. Other coaches have commented to me on how hard my girls work. This is why I make them run nasty sprints—so they can play at full speed for 40 minutes if necessary," commented Gallahan.

What does the future hold for Connie Gallahan? "I'm already planning for next basketball season. I have no aspirations to coach on the Division I level—not after what I've seen of how their programs are run. Coaches on the Division I level have a great deal of pressure on them to win. I don't have to win at MWC to keep my job."

"I try to teach my teams things that will help them in the real world after they graduate. The skills they learn in becoming better basketball players can be used to make themselves successful in life."



Photo David Clayton

Jamie Freeman gains a new perspective on the sport of rugby against N.C. State Saturday

Orioles Notebook



Davis Signing, and Palmer's Come-back Highlight Oriole's Off-season

By Tim Landis
Bullet Staff Writer

As the Baltimore Orioles begin their preparations for the 1991 baseball season, there are many new faces to become acquainted with. During the winter months, OF/1B/DH Dwight Evans was signed. Evans experienced back problems throughout the 1990 season, but still managed to hit .249 with 13 HR's and 63 RBI's for the Boston Red Sox. If Evans can stay healthy this year he should prove to be one of the O's offensive leaders.

Perhaps the most significant move of the off-season was the acquisition of 1B Glenn Davis from the Houston Astros. The Orioles sent Curt Schilling, Steve Finley and Pete Harnisch to the Astros in return for Davis. Davis was signed to a one year contract and will be paid \$3.25 million dollars.

In 1990, an injured Davis hit .251 with 22 HR's and 64 RBI's in just 327 at-bats. Davis brings some much needed power to the Oriole lineup, and is quite capable of a 35 HR, 100 RBI season.

In other roster moves, the Orioles traded popular catcher Mickey Tettleton to the Detroit Tigers for

pitcher Jeff Robinson. This season the catching duties will be handled by Bob Melvin and promising rookie Chris Hooties.

The O's are hoping that AAA International All-Stars David Segui and Leo Gomez will be able to contribute to the big-league team this season. Both are members of the Oriole's Rochester minor-league team. Segui, a switch-hitting first baseman, hit .333 at Rochester. Third baseman Gomez, hit 26 HR's and led the IL with 97 RBIs.

The Orioles will also be looking to brothers Cal and Billy Ripken to provide a great deal of team leadership. Cal led the O's once again in HR's (21) and RBI's (84), while making only three errors at shortstop in 681 chances. Billy surprised many people last year by leading the team with a .291 batting average, while playing solid defense at second base, committing only eight errors.

Other potential contributors for the O's include Randy Milligan, Sam Horn, Ron Kittle and Joe Orsulak. All of these players will be looked to for power production--and Orsulak, in

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ALL-MWC TEAM:

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL

Entries Open: Feb. 27
Entries Close: Mar. 6
Capt's Meeting: Mar. 6, 5:00 p.m.
103 Goolrick
Play Begins: Mar. 20
For More Info. Call X4514

Entries Open: Feb. 27
Entries Close: Mar. 6
Capt's Meeting: Mar. 6, 5:30 p.m.
103 Goolrick
Play Begins: Mar. 18
For More Info. Call X4514

INTRAMURAL BADMINTON

Singles/Doubles

Entries Open: Singles Mar. 3

Doubles Mar. 4

Entries Close: Singles Mar. 3

Doubles Mar. 4

Play Begins: Singles Mar. 3

Doubles Mar. 4

For More Info. Call X4514

CAMPUS RECREATION

WATER AEROBICS

Monday 6:00-7:00 p.m. Kathy

Wednesday 6:00-7:00 p.m. Kathy

All Classes Held In Goolrick Pool

For More Information Call X4514

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

81-78 loss versus Marymount

MEN'S RUGBY

36-0 win versus N.C. State

1991 SPRING AEROBICS SCHEDULE

Monday 4:00-5:15 p.m. Kathy

5:15-6:30 p.m. Julie

Tuesday 4:00-5:15 p.m. Jason

Wednesday 4:00-5:15 p.m. Julie

Thursday 4:00-5:15 p.m. Jason

Friday 4:00-5:15 p.m. Kathy

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SPORTS

Men's Basketball

Men End Season 9-18

By Matt Geary

Bullet Sports Editor

The MWC men's basketball team ended their season with another disappointing loss, this time at the hands of Marymount University 81-78. The Eagles finished the year with a 5-7 Capitol Athletic Conference mark and 9-18 overall record.

In Thursday night's game, Freshman Steve Posey paced the Eagles with 21 points. Senior Eddie Fields dropped in 15 points and Junior Bernard Johnson added 14 points and led the team with eight rebounds.

For the season, Johnson led the team in scoring with a 13.1 points per game average and in steals with a 2.1 per game average. Posey paced the Eagles with 6.1 rebounds per game and in free-throw percentage with a .77 mark. Posey also set a new freshman record for field goal percentage by hitting on 53% of his shots. Richie Treger led the team for the second consecutive year in assists with 106. This year's performance raises his total to 206 while at



Photo David Clayton
Bernard Johnson, Honorable Mention All-Conference, led the Eagles in scoring this season.

MWC and puts him at third on the all-time list among assist leaders at MWC. Jeremy White also set a new record for freshman three point field goal percentage, hitting on 47% of his attempts.

Fields made the All-Tournament team for the Eastern Invitational Tournament and Johnson and Treger were Honorable Mention All-Conference players in the CAC this season.

Bullet Top 20

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2. Arkansas
3. Ohio State
4. Arizona
5. UNC
6. Syracuse
7. Indiana
8. UCLA
9. Kansas
10. Duke
11. ETSU
12. Kentucky
13. S. Mississippi
14. Oklahoma St.
15. LSU
16. St. John's
17. Nebraska
18. Princeton
19. N. Mexico St.
20. UVA

The Bullet top 20 NCAA basketball poll is voted on by the Bullet sports staff, and compiled on Saturday.

SENATE

from page 4

There are left-handed people at MWC but not enough desks for them. I have a question: Why were our Senate committee heads appointed if they plan on taking this "do-nothing" attitude?

Even more frustrating is how they screwed up my "shuttle bus" proposal. My bill was simple. Thirty percent of MWC students come from out-of-state. Many of them frequently take flights out of National Airport to get home. To get to National, many take the Groome Shuttle out of the Sheraton Hotel, which is a total rip-off at twenty bucks each way.

I suggested using MWC vans on the last few days of school before long breaks, and set a time or times that these buses would leave MWC to take students to National. If necessary, a five-dollar charge could even be implemented. The interest is there, students would fill the buses. So this was a simple proposal, which would have helped many students get home for less money. But the Senate Welfare Committee totally screwed this up.

The final answer they gave me was that only Residence Life Staff (RDS and RAs) could drive the vans, and did I expect them to? Of course I wouldn't! But I refuse to believe that the school cannot provide a single driver for these

vans. How about someone from the Physical Plant? Or even paying a student to drive? The Welfare Committee people could not think of any of this, and later, when I suggested it to them, they refused to listen. They told me that only Residence Life people could drive those vans. It's a stupid rule and God forbid they should challenge it.

The shuttle-bus bill was a good bill, which passed easily when I first introduced it, but when I raised my voice to try and save it from being scrapped, did I get any help? No. A single senator stuck his neck out for me, not even my fellow Russell Hall senators.

When other senators do speak, the things they say often amaze me. I can't believe that I hear opposition to bills like my extended-weekend-hours-at-Groover proposal. Or that I hear senators say things like "it costs too much money." Or that I hear senators in opposition to good proposals because they worry the administration won't like them. It's unreal!

My most recent bill asks that the Senate vice-president investigate the difference between damage fines and actual costs for new parts. This bill is an attack on the Physical Plant. Not only are they overcharging us for parts, they often send more people than are necessary to replace these parts. I want to know if we are being charged for the

unnecessary manpower.

Also, I keep hearing how short the school and the state are of money, yet I see things like two guys leaving leaves in front of my dorm and eight guys watching? Couldn't one of these guys drive a bus to National?

I thought this was the best thing I had ever brought in front of Senate. Yet again, there was opposition. "What could we do?" In reality probably nothing. We cannot change contracts negotiated between a union and the state of Virginia. On the other hand, this is a wrong and a gross waste of both student and state money. We must show the administration, the state, and the Physical Plant that we know what they are doing, it's wrong, and we're sick of it.

Senate is not just for somebody's job application or resume, and it's not a dorm popularity contest. Every senator is in a position to change MWC for the better, and every senator should take advantage of it. It does not mean to bash Senate or any person in particular. In fact, I hope this letter upsets every senator who reads it and pushes them to prove me wrong. And I hope every senator who reads this looks back to the election promises they made to their respective halls before they attend our next meeting.

Leonard Ornstein '94

SCHEDULING

from page 4

day afternoon, I would be greeted by something like, "Well, here he comes again. Feel lucky this time, Bernie?" I would nod my head and smile. It's funny, because that is all drop/add is, a crapshoot. Something is just not right. Well, I most certainly cannot write a letter of complaint about how lousy our scheduling systems are without suggesting some solution. Actually, I suppose I could, but I have a feeling that I would be hearing from the administration shortly after. Okay, one solution is to designate more classes as being for underclassmen or upperclassmen only. What this does is to prevent a senior from taking seats away from a freshman who really needs

to take the course. At the same time, this would also prevent a freshman from taking an upper-level class that he/she is not ready for yet. Keep in mind that not all upper-level classes have prerequisites.

Another, more simple, solution, is to have the drop/add period occur during the evening hours, say from 4 to 10 p.m. In this way, a student can drop/add until he/she is ready to pass out, without having to miss any classes during that hypercritical first week of the semester.

The scheduling system at MWC is far from perfect. In fact, it is closer to being terrible than it is to being perfect, or even average for that matter. One incident that typifies the entire

scheduling process is something I witnessed last semester while I was waiting in line to enroll in classes for this semester. Two girls walked out of the scheduling room and were looking over their schedules.

"Did you get what you wanted?" one said to the other.

"Yeah, I guess," the other replied.

"How about you?"

"Well, I've got eighteen credits right now, but I'm sure I'll drop one class." The class that girl had enrolled in, for no apparent reason, and was in fact planning on dropping at a later time could have very well been one of the classes that I had to go through hell for to get.

Thanks. Thanks a lot.



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ENTERTAINMENT

College Favorite Saffire Returns with Fiery Blues Music

Fredericksburg-based Trio Brings Entertaining Show of Original Music and Old Hits to The Underground

By Amy Fitzpatrick
Bullet Entertainment Editor

According to the dictionary, a saffire is a fiery-blue form of corundum, a gemstone. Saffire is a fiery blues trio that is no stranger to the Mary Washington College campus. Saffire—who appeared last semester with the Manhattan trio, Betty—bring their collection of original blues hits and old favorites to The Underground on Friday, March 1 courtesy of Class Council.

The Fredericksburg-based trio of musicians are not new to the Mary Washington College campus by any means. They first appeared in The Underground about four years ago in conjunction with the Annual Blues Festival. They have also opened for some of the biggest names in blues—Ray Charles, B.B. King, and The Fabulous Thunderbirds.

They call themselves "Uppity Blues Women." "Uppity" is a word self-satisfied types use to refer to quizzical, self-reliant people, to the sass that makes a survivor.

The group has been playing together since June of 1984. Each member—Earlene Lewis, Ann Rabson, and Gaye

Adegbalola—bring their own experiences to Saffire and blend them into some of the grittiest blues you've ever heard. All three women perform vocals while each also adds an instrument's voice to the trio. Lewis on the upright bass, Rabson on the piano, and Adegbalola on guitar definitely make for harmony at its best.

Their playlist covers a range of artists, from Cab Calloway and Willie Dixon to Little Richard and even Huey Lewis and the News. The group also has a wide variety of originals, the majority by the creative Adegbalola. The songs she writes are often songs in which a liberated woman looks on love with the eye of experience and good humor. The title of one, "How Can I Say I Miss You When I Can't Get You to Leave?," sums up the problems of a woman who knows that it's time to put out the dog and get [herself] a brand-new cat."

Those of you who have seen Saffire and heard their music know that their show is good. For those of you who haven't heard them, come to The Underground this Friday and experience blues at its finest.



Saffire is scheduled to appear in The Underground on March 1.

The College's Production of *Custer* Opens to Great Praise

Writer/Director Ingham gains strong approval from audience and cast

By Amy Fitzpatrick
Bullet Entertainment Editor

Praise abounds for the cast, crew, and director of "Custer," for a fantastic opening night. It was a job well done and things appeared to go without a hitch.

"Custer" was set in sunny Montana, at the site of the Little Big Horn massacre. There may have been some initial skepticism about the play among the audience members, since it is relatively unknown in this area. But as soon as it started, people became immersed in the action and music and seemed to thoroughly enjoy it.

"Custer" opens with the ensemble group—Aron Keesbury, Andi Scharfe, Russ Painter, Erika Romberg, Robert Tewes, and Gillian Duncan—wandering around the site of the battle. Suddenly, ghosts from the past start to appear around them. It soon becomes apparent that the ghosts are, in fact, Libbie Custer (played by Collette Epple), Custer himself (Kris Peletier), Captain Benteen (John Hollinger), and Major Reno (Rob Lunger). Soon the camp becomes divided, so to speak, and the stage is set for the conflict. Custer and his wife are staunch defenders of his actions. On the other side, Benteen and Reno say that the massacre of the white army was his fault, due to his glory-seeking personality.

Peletier is magnificent as Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer. He portrays Custer with just the right touches of pomposity and authority. Libbie Custer defends her husband unrelentingly and even viciously, not caring about the feelings of those she attacks. Epple portrays Libbie with much feeling and accuracy. Not once does she allow a smile to cross her face, even though the anecdotes of her enemies prove very amusing.

Another welcome addition to the cast of "Custer" is John Hollinger who had the part of Malvolio in the MWC fall production of "Twelfth Night." Hollinger portrays Capt. Benteen, a veteran cavalry officer who "despises" Lt. Col. Custer. Hollinger quite appropriately recreates Benteen's hatred of Custer, at the same time giving the impression of a very capable and commanding presence on the battlefield. The last of the major characters, Reno, is played by the extremely capable Rob Lunger, who has appeared in several MWC productions. Lunger is very adept in playing Reno, who, although very capable officer, panicked on the battlefield.

The most enjoyable performance from the ensemble during Act I was given by Aron Keesbury '94, who portrays Miles Moylin, an Irish officer who defends Custer vigorously. In Act II, a terrific performance was given by Rusty Painter, who plays a southern hick learning how to unjam a carbine. Another surprise was the performance given by Erika Romberg whose light operatic voice stood out during all of the musical selections.

The play's scenery and lighting gave the vague impression that the action was taking place in another dimension. While there was bright sunlight, there was also a kind of hazy feeling about the action, almost as if the dust was still clearing from the battle.

"Custer" is excellent, even though it doesn't really clarify any of the mystery which surrounds the events of that fateful day. Many views are set forth and a lot of ideas are bandied about, but there is no real resolution. The audience is left to decide for itself. What really happened at Little Big Horn and whose fault was it?

Come and decide for yourself. The remaining shows for "Custer" are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:15 p.m. and Sunday at 2:15 p.m.



Photo A. Verbaert

Front 242 wows the alternative/progressive listeners with second album.

New Album by Front 242 Addresses Variety of Issues

By Dave Derkowski
Bullet Staff Writer

Front 242 has outdone itself again in its latest release, *Tyranny for You*, for Epic records. The four members of Front 242 banded together in the early '80s to create a unique type of music. Their idea was to find some way to connect today's media war with images torn from popular apocalypse culture, movies, and sound collages. The result was an album which drew the public's attention to Front 242 almost immediately.

Tyranny for You was released to teach the public the Front 242 message.

"Tragedy for You" is the new album's first single. A heavy and steady beat has made this single rise on the college charts. The raspy vocals, which sometimes even sound like screams, blend together perfectly with a somewhat high-pitched chorus. This merging of vocal techniques give "Tragedy for You" an industrial, informative tone.

Another unique song is "The Untold." It employs the same synthesized beat throughout, but its lyrics consist solely of one man screaming. What he is screaming about is fairly difficult to determine, but after each listen, a different word can be recognized. By the end of the song, the listener's mind is caught wandering back to the catchy

scrambled phrases and left boggled by their exact meaning.

Front 242 is trying to communicate with its listeners by telling them that the media is just like "The Untold." The media screams at us constantly, and the human mind can barely decipher any of it by the end of the day. Too many commercials are seen, too much propaganda is believed, and too many lies are made truths. Front 242 forces the listener to see this underlying tragedy facing modern society.

The message "Listen Carefully" is another song that has gained popularity since Front 242's first appearance. Songs like "Sacrifice" and "Rhythm of Time" challenge the listener

to blend emotion with intellect in experiencing the world of Front 242. First, there is the primal and physical scream, followed by logical thought, and the capacity for choice. With this rough material, Front 242 rebuilds a landscape in their music which reflects our destiny. The tragedy which is present in their world becomes our own.

The album *Tyranny for You* combines a vast array of musical tastes. It should be experienced by all who want to see where music is progressing. The new album from Front 242, *Tyranny for You*, has proven itself to be enjoyable and provocative.

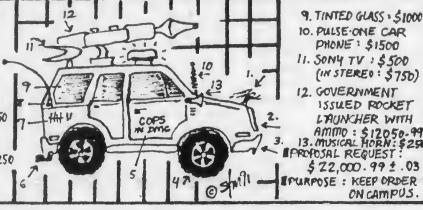
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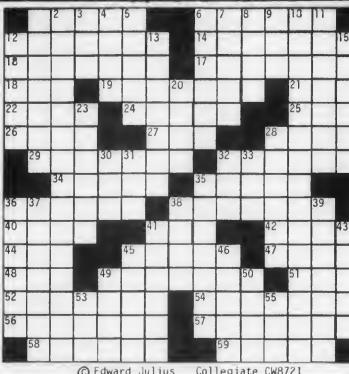
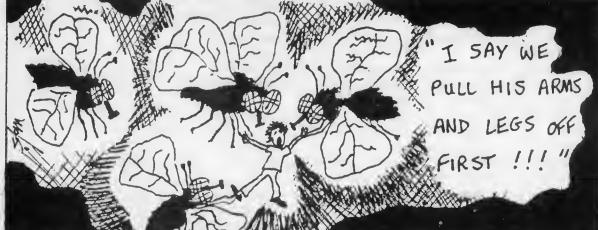
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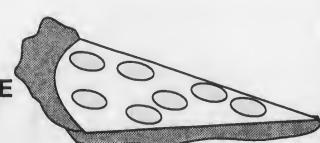
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PERSONALS

Ben-Ann-al
I.L.U.V.M.X.O.
Bermudal
Ben
Klmster-
Waaash!

Ben
Men of Mason 2nd
Thanks for the memories.
Give 'em hell!!
Dave, the Ex-RA

Mike S.
Well said! Carry on.
David W.

Hey Floyd-
I want your brick everyday.
No screams yet, but I'm patient. I love it.
She

Punkin' Face is lovin' every minute of it. She keeps calling Dr. Love.

C-
You went crazy Saturday. I'm glad you joined us. Forget him-he just ruins lunch and you class-and that's a double entendre, baby.

C
M,J,N,T,B and J-
Best bunch of guys a girl could ever hope to have as friends, but we have to get rid of those bimbos who come over all the time. Also-clean your own damn rooms.

The Big C'
Roomie-
Thanks for turning the bed down even though I never come home at night anymore. You're still my first love!

Hey Peace Baby-
You know that you're still the light of my life- even if you have a man, no money and a psychotic computer. Love ya' child.

Phil-
If you were half as good as you think you are, you would
1) have Jordan's job,
2) have more friends,
3) have a girl.
-The Phantom
Hey Mary (Chuck's woman)-
Can I rotate your tires? You can check my odometer.
-The Phantom

Len-
1) I didn't agree with anything you tried to say.
2) You didn't just drink from the fire hose, you fell in the ocean buddy.

-The Phantom
The Militiam in Willard regime III-
You can't overthrow our democratic

room. You can't oust or overthrow us-and your WTPPM's don't hurt one bit. Besides, "We're bad men."

-Willard 112 regime

Hal AKA Hussein-

You blatantly violated rule 3, section a, bylaw i of the WTPPM Geneva Convention War guidelines.

For that you shall pay dearly.

-Willard 112 regime

TD-

We want your body
We think you're sexy
We'll let you know
When it feels right.

-Your #1 fans

Blond Flamer-
(Who said that?) How's that

boob tube?

-The brunettes from below

L-
Lemme see you wiggle it.

The New Iraq-
Parking lot of the Middle East.
-BSB

Trout-

In castle Risk, you can't hang.
In Baseball Stars, you got no game.

-The General

B.B. and Ice-

Can I come and watch T.V. - those special shows, you know? Both of you, good ball playing. Now let's dance at Sophia's.

-Love y'all Big C.

Yo 312-

Get some posters, keep your gas in,

fix your hair and then you both will be WAY COOL!

-The (wanabate) Thief

MIKE-

You may be King (per se)

But I'm Führer (per se).

-Bob

Bob-
S:ig: Hell

-The Royal Supplicant, ' Smith

SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

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DAILY SPECIALS (4:00 - CLOSING)

Feb 25 Mon.....	HOT ITALIAN SUB, FRIES, SMALL DRINK.....	\$2.85
Feb 26 Tue.....	CHILI DOG, FRIES, SMALL DRINK.....	2.20
Feb 27 Wed.....	NACHO NITE, \$2.75 <OR> REUBEN, CHIPS, SMALL DRINK.....	2.35
Feb 28 Thu.....	PERSONAL PIZZ, UNLIMITED TOPPINGS.....	2.40
Mar 1 Fri.....	FISH FLOUNDER, SLAW, FRIES, ROLL.....	2.80
Mar 2 Sat.....	CORN DOG, ONION RINGS, SMALL DRINK.....	2.15
Mar 3 Sun.....	CHICKEN FILET, FRIES, SMALL DRINK.....	2.95

EVENING SPECIALS (7 - 9 PM DAILY)

SATURDAY.....	FREE FRIES WITH PURCHASE OF ANY SANDWICH.....
SUNDAY.....	FREE 2 SMALL DRINKS WITH 12" PIZZA PURCHASE (IN-HOUSE).....
MONDAY.....	FREE SMALL DRINK WITH SLICE OF PIZZA PURCHASE.....
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